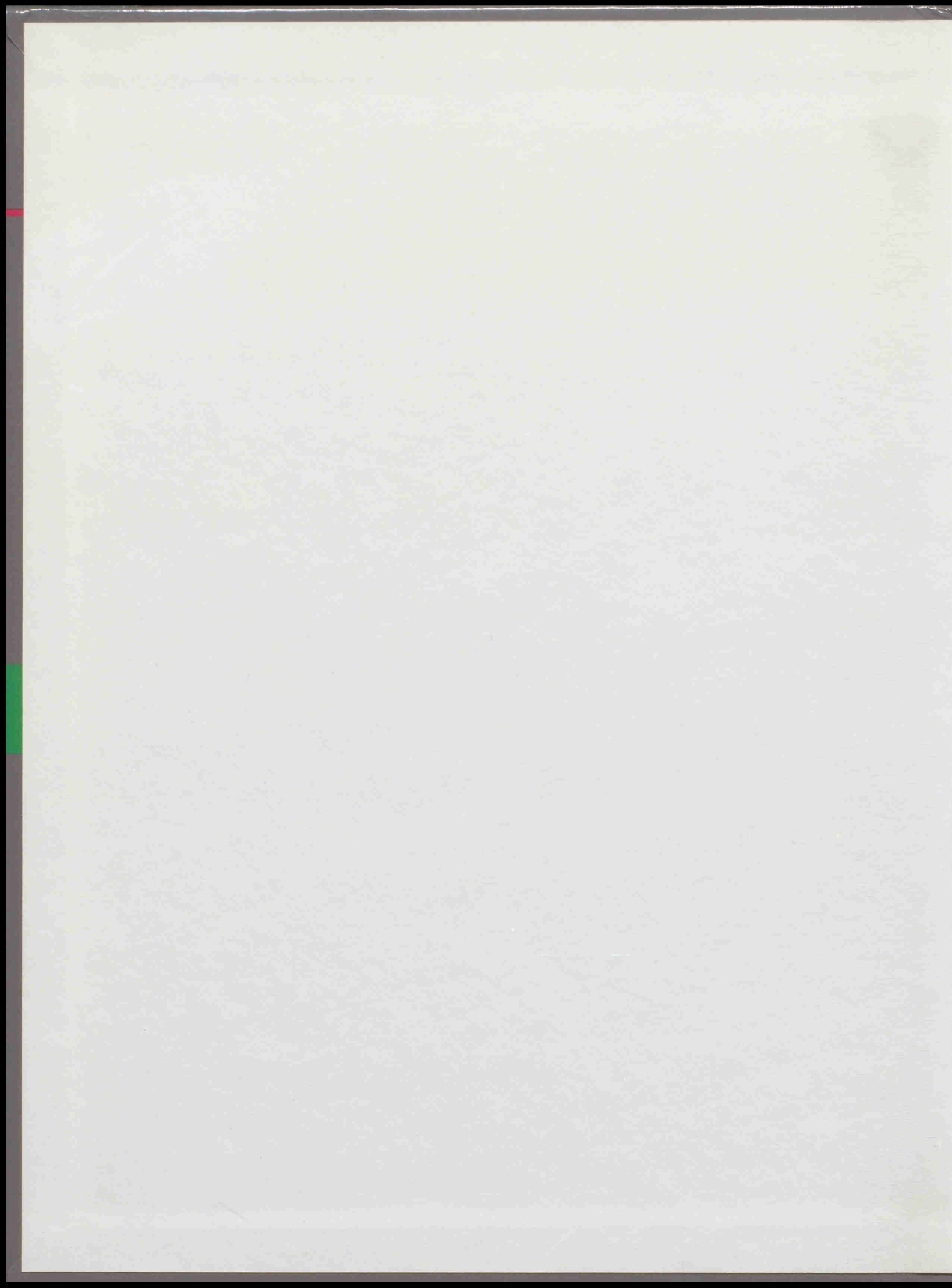
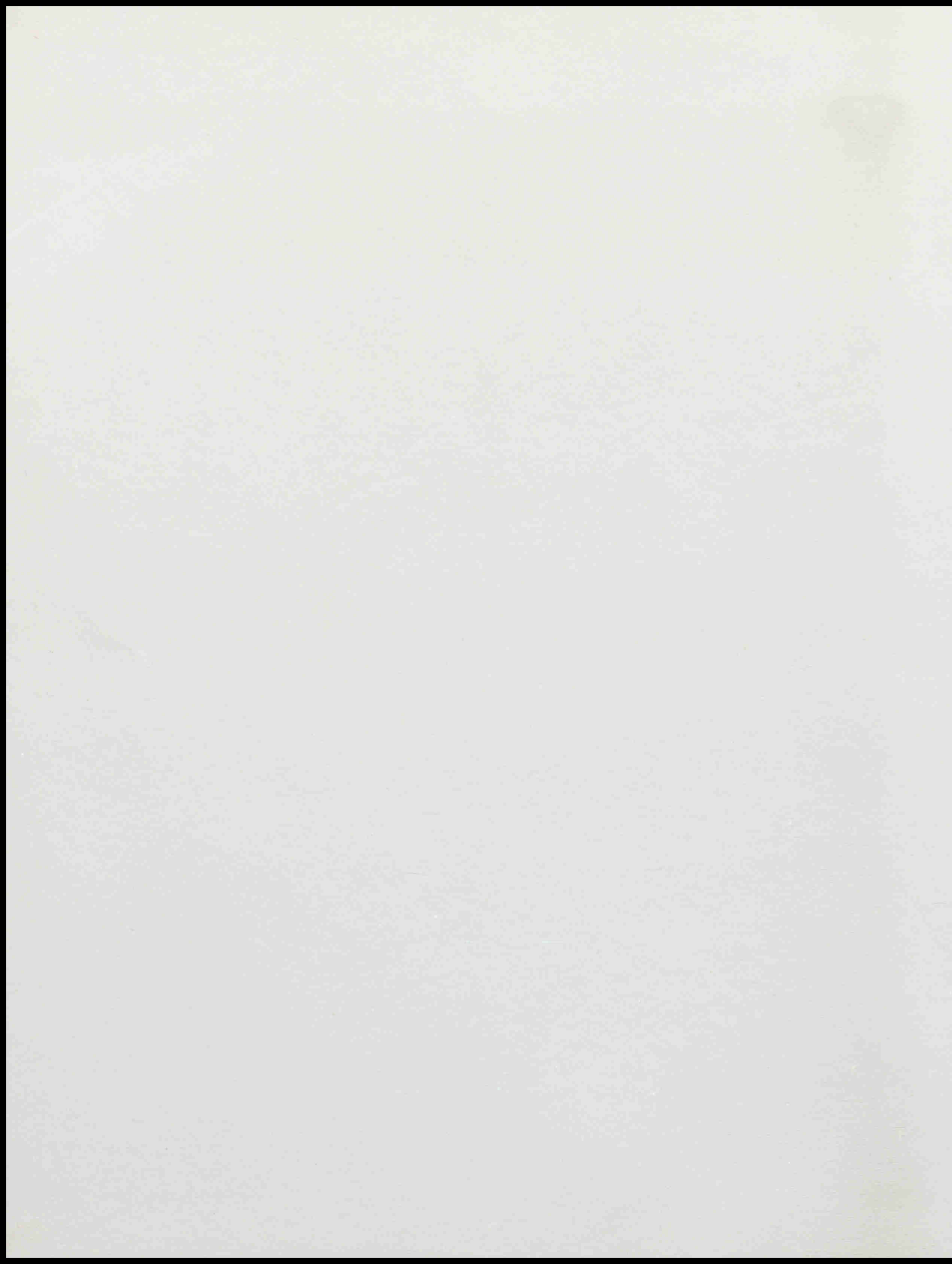


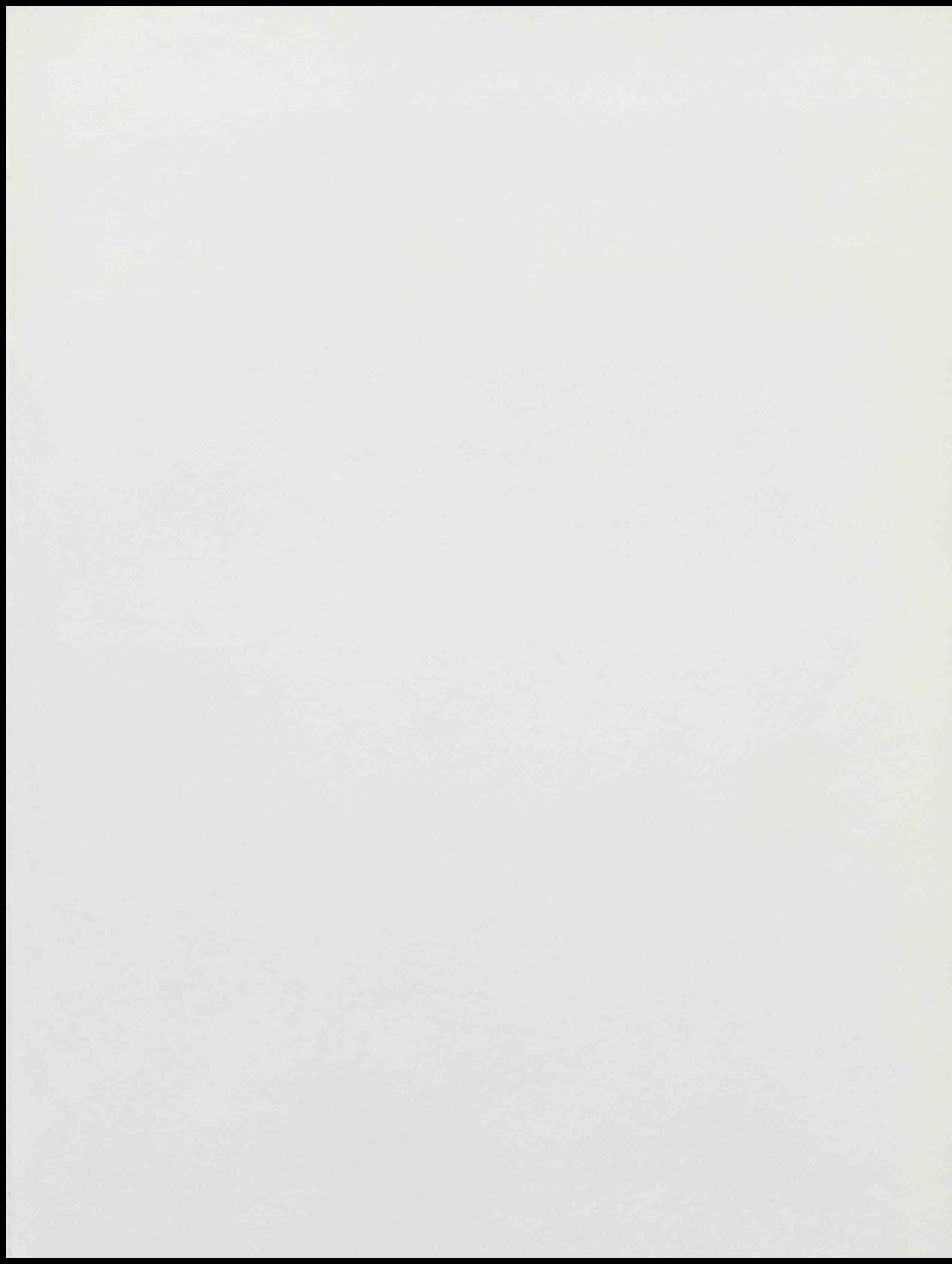
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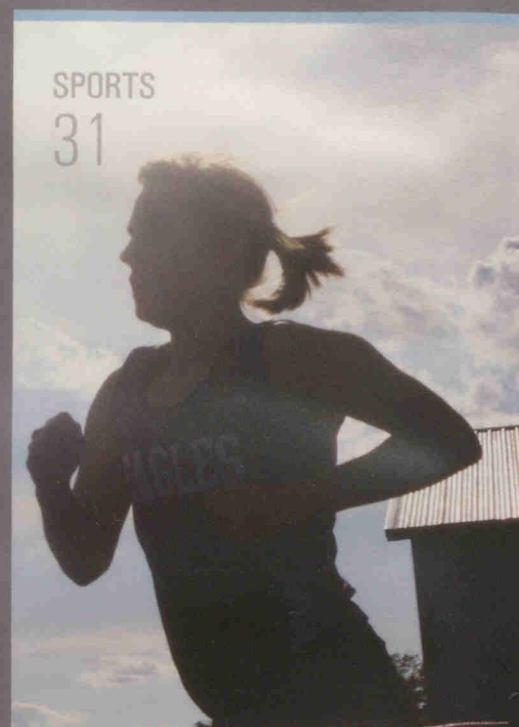


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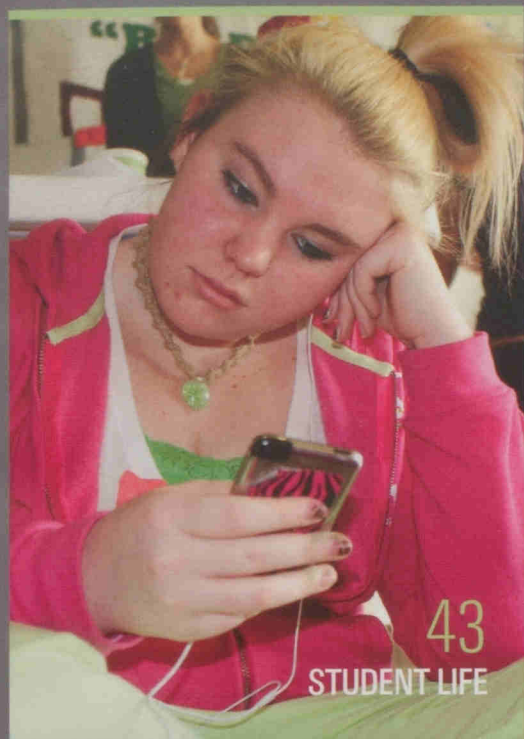
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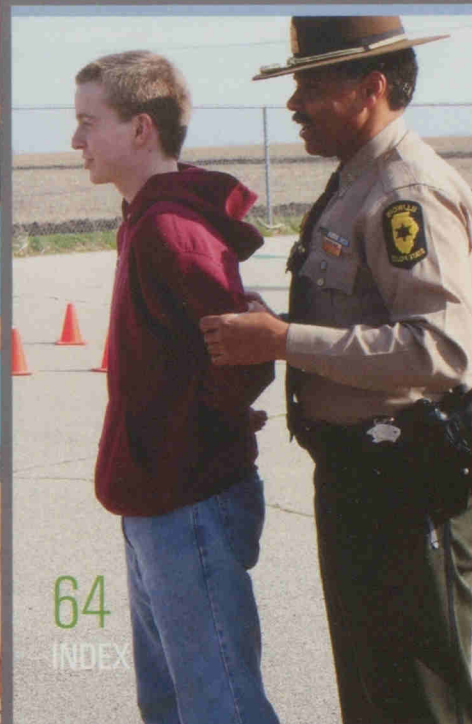
With only 47 students, there is no denying it - our school is tiny. It can become claustrophobic at times, being stuck with the same people all the time. However, our size is also one of our greatest attributes. We are more than a nameless mass. Everyone here really does know your name. We are a family.



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This school year will be remembered for some wonderful events and some terrible losses. First, our school welcomed 4 new students! Twin brothers, Dee and Jay Woods moved from Decatur and have instantly become an integral part of our D-W Family. Also, welcomed were

siblings, Alissa and Jon Long from Monticello.

D-W additionally brought back Mr. Goldman as a replacement for Mr. Kidd, who was a replacement for Mr. Goldman.

Our Social Studies and P.E. teacher, Mr. Cunningham,

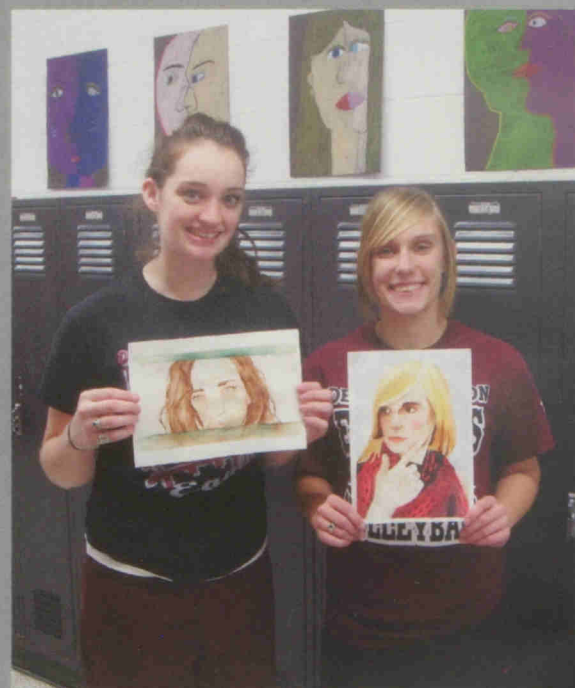
commonly know as "C" is retiring after dedicating 27 years to teaching at D-W.

Last, we lost a family member, coach and friend when D-W alum, Andy Neathery passed away in April. He will be greatly missed.

Starting off the School Year...

BACK TO SCHOOL Gracing the halls as seniors, Libby and Briana display their watercolor self-portraits which were accepted into Millikin University's High School Art Invitational.

Below: Libby, Lex, Rowan, Mikayla, Brooke and Briana can't contain their excitement about DWHS!



Best thing about DWHS...

"You always have a friend." - B. McKee

"Mr. Reynolds." - H. Barrick

"The 3:10 bell." - B. Stroh

"Me" - A. Sayers

"All of the sports and opportunities offered." - S. Smith

"Our sense of family and togetherness." - S. Ramage

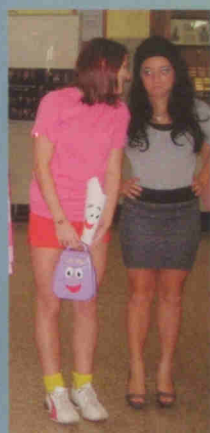
"The basketball team!" - J. Woods

"Adam Sayers" - D. Johnson

"When tragedy happens, we all come together as a family."
- B. Kimball

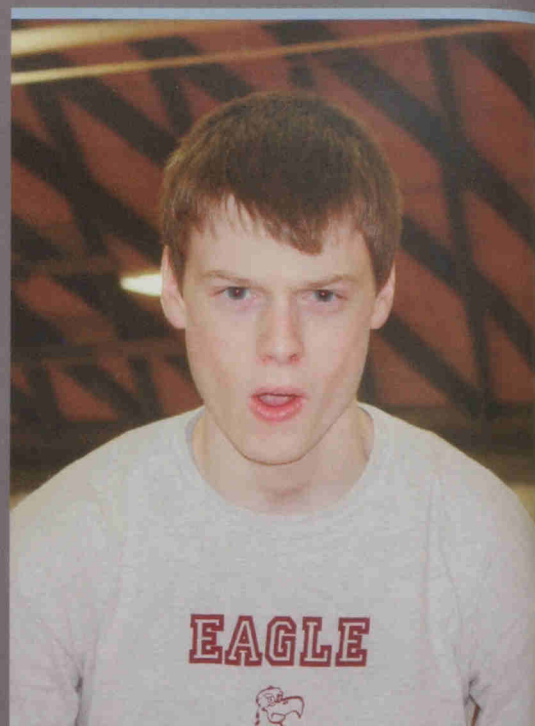


DRIVING ASSEMBLY To teach students about the hazards of driving impaired, DWHS students participated in an assembly during which they texted and wore inebriation simulation goggles while driving a golf cart through a marked course. Above, Dee Woods warily avoids the cones.



HALLOWEEN As part of Student Council's annual fundraiser, students pay \$1 to wear a costume to school. Clockwise from top left; Lisa, Gabe, Sierra, and Liz. Odd couple: Dora the Explorer chatting with Snooki. Toddlers and Tiaras sensations, Rowan and Libby. Shawn and his favorite teacher, Mr. Goldman. The boys of DW: Uncle Fester, Dylan Taylor (who shaved his head for the event!), Johnny & Ethan in their usual attire, "if I only had a brain" Adam, and Tristan, who really, really, really loves Zelda.





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PEOPLE

Faculty & Staff



Courtney Atkins
Family & Consumer
Science



Kathy Bragg
P.E., Health & Drivers'
Education



Annie Chieu
Mathematics



Bruce Cunningham
Social Science & P.E.



Lauren Frosch
Spanish



Matt Goldman
Business & Computers



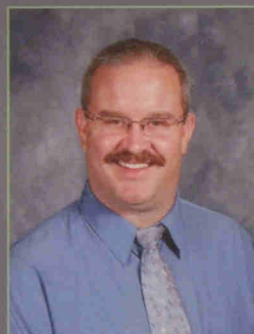
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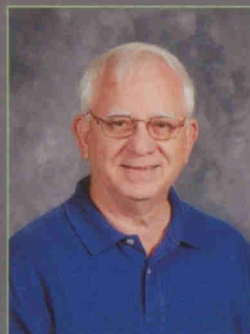
Sarah Lidy
Music



Kim Mast
Language Arts



Ryan Pray
Science



Rich Reynolds
Mathematics



Sara Schilaski
Guidance Counselor
& Social Science



Gary Brashear
Superintendent



Russ Corey
Principal



Russ Gowin
Network Administrator



Cheryl Jones
Unit Secretary



Kim Morlock
Secretary

If I weren't teaching,
I would be...



"Scuba-diving."

Ryan Pray



"an actress in romantic British t.v. shows
(with Mr. Darcy)."

Lauren Frosch



"a financial advisor or selling
insurance."

Matt Goldman



"I would be the first female conductor/music director
of the New York Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra
and travel the world with Paul and our kids! I would
also volunteer non-concert season time to reading to
patients in different children's hospitals throughout
the country. Finally, when I was old enough to
retire, I would rule the world and build my own
roads that only I, and those appointed by me, would
be allowed to drive on! And I would own the
Atlanta Braves!"

Sarah Lidy



"I'd be snuggled up on the
couch with my daughter, sipping
coffee, browsing Pinterest and
watching Downtown Abbey."

Courtney Atkins



Hannah Barrick



Brea Bateman



Tristan Brannin



Cole Henson



Brandi Heylek



Larry Lappin



Jon Long



Ben Olson



Elizabeth Shaver



Alex Skrobot



Madi Slaughter



Brittney Smith



Sierra Smith



Danielle Sturgeon



Freshmen





Victoria Bennett



Rowan Crozier



Zach Dash



Alexis Dick



Dylan Johnson



Lisa Kirwan



Amber Norfleet



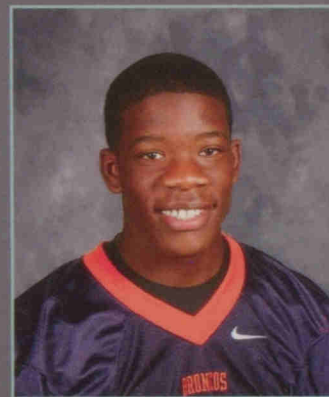
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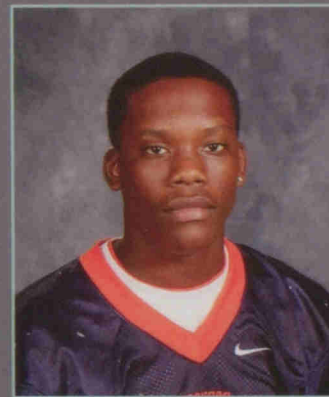
Bradley Stroh



Oakley Swinger



Dee Woods



Jay Woods



Sophomores



Johnny Becker



Summer Berry



Ethan Cunningham



Garrett Duff



Heather Eggemeyer



Mikayla Jones



Brooke Kimball



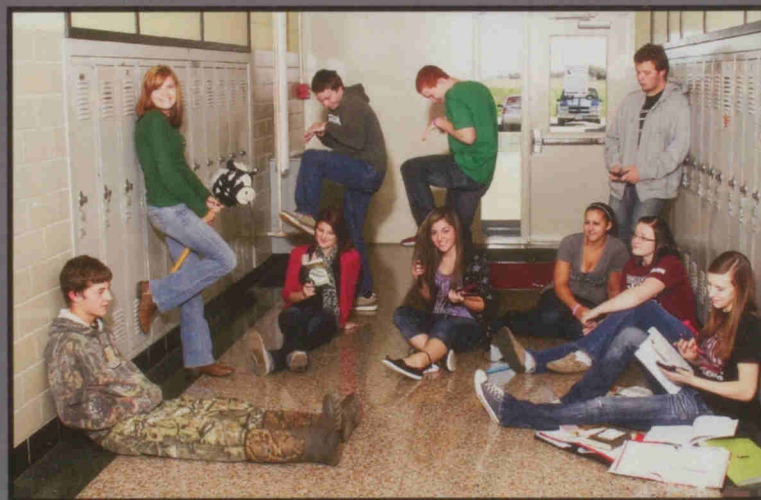
Jordyn Lappin



Dylan Taylor



Rachel White



Class of 2013 Juniors



Victoria Boley



Shawn Garner



Hanna Hayes



Alyssa Long



Briana McKee



Elizabeth Neathery



Savannah Ramage



Adlai Sayers



Brittany Roberts



Shelby Haynes

Class of 2012 Seniors

Tori Boley

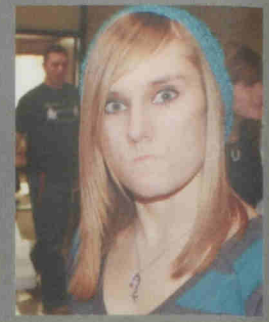
1. I will Libby Neathery the ability to continue being the wonderful person she is! She is truly a great friend! I admire your strength and the ability to put a smile on anyone's face.
 2. I will Shawn Garner to never give up on his dreams!
 3. I will Briana McKee the ability to keep making people laugh and just have fun! She gave me a ton of memories to look back on and laugh at!
 4. I will Brittany Roberts an endless amount of hair extensions! Also, to know that you are a great friend!
 5. I will Shelby Haynes the ability to not get so embarrassed, Life is funny, Laugh at it!
 6. I will Hanna Hayes a lifetime supply of animal crackers and Trolli gummy worms! Also, to know that you're a great friend.
 7. I will Savannah Ramage the ability to relax and smile often!
 8. I will Alissa Long to keep in touch!
 9. I will Adlai Sayers to keep on doing what he loves! I admire your bravery and strength! Proud of you!
 10. I will Garrett Duff, my brother, to become a professional fisherman one day!
 11. I will Rowan Crozier the ability to always believe in herself, and everything she sets her mind to!
 12. I will Alexis Dick to keep screaming "Run Victoria" with me in mind!
 13. I will Brooke Kimball to follow her dreams wherever they may take her!
 14. I will Jay Woods my ability to play mat ball like a beast!
 15. I will Summer Berry the ability to continue being the great person she is!
 16. I will all upcoming classes to take advantage of all the opportunities H.S. has to offer. Do everything you possibly can, because before you know it you'll be wishing you could be little again.



Class Clown...
Shawn Garner



Most Contagious Smile...
Tori Boley



Most Likely to Burst into Song... Briana McKee

Shawn Garner

I will Dee Woods to dunk in a game next year and to be named county player of the year.
 I will the DW boys basketball team to win conference next year and to also win a regional game next season.
 I will the class of 2012 to be successful in life after high school and college.
 I will Jordyn Lappin my friendship throughout high school and in the real world.
 I will Savannah Ramage the ability to be my Valentine every year.
 I will Johnny Becker the ability to be the MVP of the basketball team next season.
 I will Garrett Duff to advance to state next year in the three point shoot out.
 I will Jay Woods my number 5 jersey for the rest of his high school career.
 I will Mrs. Bragg the ability to continue being sweet and lovely as she already is.
 I will Briana McKee the ability to know that I love her.
 I will Brittany Roberts the ability to be successful in college next year.
 I will Summer Berry the ability to enjoy her relationship with my best friend, Dee Woods and to also enjoy the rest of high school because it will be over real soon.
 I will Ethan Cunningham the rights to all my school books next year.
 I will coach Goldman to win coach of the year next season.
 I will Dylan Johnson the ability to continue being the coolest guy I ever met.
 I will Mr. Cunningham (C) the ability to enjoy his retirement and for him to know that he will be missed.
 I will Miss. Noble to continue being such an awesome teacher and to know that I will miss her.
 I will Hanna Hayes the ability to continue being my friend after high school and also that her and I could keep in contact sometime.
 I will the lunch ladies here at DW to continue making all their wonderful food.
 I will Mrs. Mast the best of luck next year at her new job and I hope she enjoys it.
 I will Libby Neathery the ability to enjoy life after high school because life is rough out there in the real world.
 I will Tori Boley the ability to become president of the United States some day because I believe that she would make a great president.
 I will Mr. Siebers the best of luck next year here at DW teaching P.E. and History.
 And to all my friends here at DW high school I want you guys to know that I will miss you a lot and I hope to come back and see you guys if I am not busy.
 And as for advice for future classes do your homework and get to school on time.



Least Talkative... Alissa Long



Best Dressed... Hanna Hayes

Senior Wills & Superlatives



Most Likely to Be Famous...
Brittany Roberts



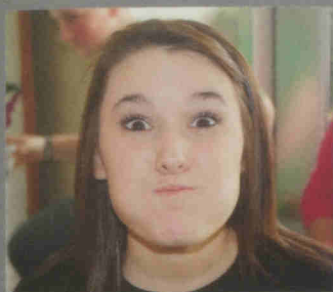
Best Nickname...
Shelby "Belby" Haynes

Hanna Hayes

I will Briana McKee a box of _____ so she won't need any in a College English Class.
 I will Brittany Roberts a lifetime supply of Justin Bieber songs, all the weaves she could ever want.
 I will Libby Neathery - Joseph Gordon Levitt, enough said.
 I will Shawn Garner the chance to meet all of his sports heroes.
 I will Savannah Ramage an entire parking lot so she can park any way her little heart desires.
 I will Shelby Haynes all the country music she can listen to.
 I will Tori Boley an endless gift card to Chili's.
 I will Alyssa Long hair dye because she loves to change her hair color.
 I will Adlai Sayers every BLS cd, concert ticket and sweatshirt there is.
 I will Summer Berry her black Grand Prix.

Shelby Haynes

- I will Shawn G the ability to stay quiet for five minutes and to always be "King G"
- I will "C" a lifetime supply of flavor blast goldfish.
- I will Jared Haynes "Bubba" the ability to have a soccer British accent.
- I will Senorita Frosch the ability to be able to teach the eighth graders without my help during 8th hour.
- I will Libby Neathery the ability to sit down in her first hour class
- I will Briana McKee the ability to pass gas in her first hour class without having to leave the room
- I will all of my classmates, the Class of 2012, the ability to succeed in whatever they do.
- I will Savannah Rammage the ability to show up to school before 8:15 am.



Most Athletic...Libby Neathery



Most Artistic...Libby Neathery

Briana McKee

- Tori Boley- a lifetime supply of my weird noises to make you laugh(;
 Hanna Hayes- the ability to realize, "I'm NOT settin 'em up!"
 Shelby Haynes- the ability to stand up to your stalkers(;
 Alissa Long- I will you the ability to keep on keepin on sister sue
 Libby Neathery- my love, I will you the ability to stay strong no matter what challenges life may throw at you. You will do great things in life my dear, love you.
 Savannah Ramage- I will you a lifetime supply of baby supplies for our illegitimate babies- too soon? Love you sav, stay golden olroii? (;
 Brittany Roberts- I will you the ability to keep your bubbly personality throughout your life...and remember, "I'M COMIN DAVE!"
 Adlai Sayers- I will you the ability to be strong and never forget all the fun times we've had in the past.
 Shawn Garner- I will you the ability to refrain from shaving off your eyebrows and mole, and I will you my love(;; love ya bud.
 Ben Olsen- You are my rock, stay strong and keep it real bud, love ya.
 Tristan Tanthalas Elias Brannin- You are such a boss, stay true to yourself, bud.
 Victoria Bennett- you are so much better than you know, you'll find that out some day. I love you and enjoyed sports with you even Junior year basketball(;
 Rowan Crozier- you're gorgeous, stay beautiful girlie.
 Alexis Dick- I will you a zoo full of monkeys and a lifetime supply of cupcakes.
 Dylan Johnson- I will you the ability to dunk and do your awesome walk until your knees give out.
 Adam Sayers- I will you a billion tuxedo shirts, the realization that lemon ice cream doesn't taste like lemonade, and the ability to forever make Gremlin noises.
 Oakley Swinger- the ability to eat as many Big Mac's as possible and remember that "Not everything's about YOU!"
 Dee Woods- I will you the ability of BEAST MODE!
 Jay Woods- Little Baby JJ, remember that you can't always get mad- it's a game. Keep up the greatness bud, you're going places.
 Mikayla Jones- my BEST friend. I love you. Stay confident and do the best you can in life, you will go so many places, but just don't forget me.

Elizabeth Neathery

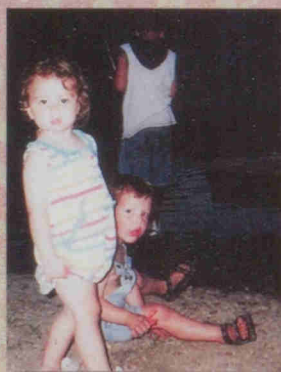
- I, Elizabeth Neathery, will the following:
 Brooke Kimball (Krooke Bimball) (My Best Friend!)- The ability to survive High School without me next year... But seriously, have a Fabulous Sr. Year! You are an amazing person, and I am blessed to have you in my life. You are truly the best friend I could ever ask for. I love you! I will us lots of trips and vacations together, and "ruh-roh-raggie" to be shouted at you every time you take a shower.
 "C"- an epic, curly mullet again! An awesome retirement, plus a lifetime supply of Goldfish.
 Rowan Crozier- Keep up your awesome Volleyball ability. I also will you someone who runs up-and-down the hallways, screaming your name and hugs you every time they see you, plus my Bow-tie in P.E.
 Victoria Bennett- one fresh pair of corneas, and one-million P.E. home-runs!
 Oakley- "somesing" (so you can say "Libby willed me somesing")
 Alexis Dick- Keep up the school spirit during Homecoming Week!!
 Mikayla Jones- always assign yourself homework, and please continue playing your flute in college. You are an awesome person- don't ever forget that! P.S.-the name "Mo-Jo-Jo-Jones"
 Savannah Ramage- stay motivated, because you are going places! Also, know that I have always loved you!! And... Rally Caps.
 Adam Sayers- the ability to spell "yellow"
 Briana McKee- I love you cuz!! There is so much to say to cover 18 years, but all I really want you to know is that I could never explain how much you mean to me. I Love You!! -"Olroii"
 Hanna Sue Hayes- "Hey Girl Hey! HANNA HAYES!!" I love you. I will you a lifetime supply of gummy worms, and aggressive hugs.
 Brittany Roberts- 85 new hair weaves. And all of my love!
 Mrs. H.L- Thank you so much for everything you have taught me, both in art and as a person. -I absolutely loved your classes, and will miss them so much!!
 Mrs. Lidy- I could never thank you enough. You have been so supportive of me, and I appreciate having you as a teacher more than you could ever know. I will you a class that interpretive dances to every song they sing.
 The entire Sr. Class- All of my love, best of luck!! The past 12 years have been amazing. I couldn't ask for a more fun group. <3
 Future Band/Chorus members- Rock it out at the concerts! Do work!!
 Shawn- "Shawn G, #5" "On Obama's Momma's Baby Mommali!" and the middle name "Hey Arnold!!"
 Dee and Jay- My amazing basketball skills
 Tori Boley- many visits to paint pottery, bonfires, and many more cookouts together! I love you!!
 Shelby- come back to D-W and kick tons of home-runs in P.E. Also, just know you are awesome, keep your confidence up, I love ya!
 High School-ers and Future Students- Get Involved!!!! You have no idea how fortunate you are to go to such a small school, where you have the opportunity to play sports, participate in clubs, and have a great High-School experience in general! -Best of Luck!
 Senorita Frosch- ¡ Primero, todo el brillo del mundo! Y también, continúas ser una maestra muy fabulosa. Me encantan tus clases y aprendí mucho. Me ayudas muchísimo. ¡¡no puedo decir tantas gracias!!

Most Changed Since Freshmen Year...Adlai Sayers

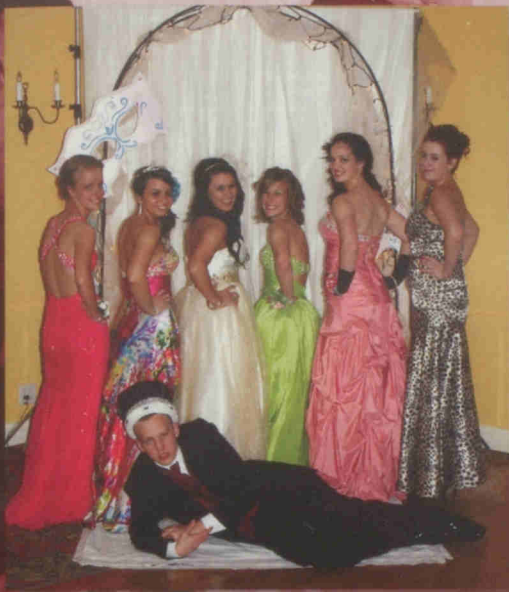


Victoria Boley

"I've learned that people will forget what you said,
people will forget what you did, but people will never
forget how you made them feel." - Maya Angelou



Shawn G #5



I'M A
BEAST



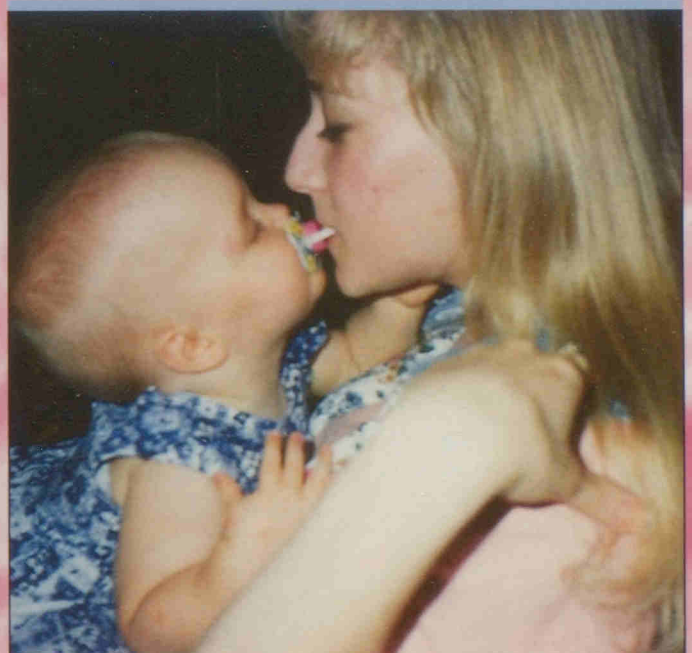
Hanna Hayes



Shelby Haynes



"A person
often meets his
destiny on the
road he took
to avoid it."
-Jean de La
Fontaine



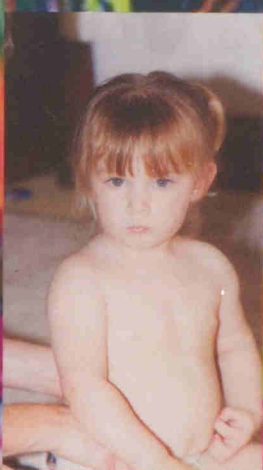
Alissa Long



"Don't judge
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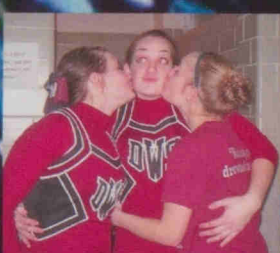
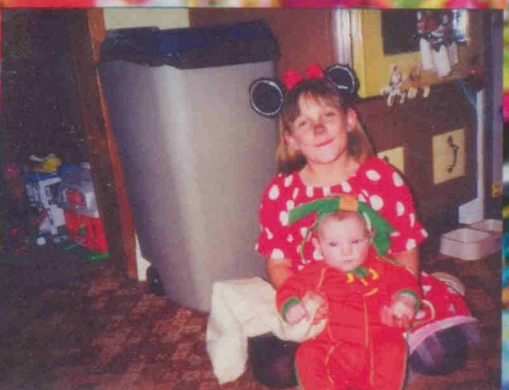


Briana McKee



YOU always have to give 100 percent, because if you don't, someone, someplace, will give 100 percent and will beat you when you meet.

-Ed Macauley

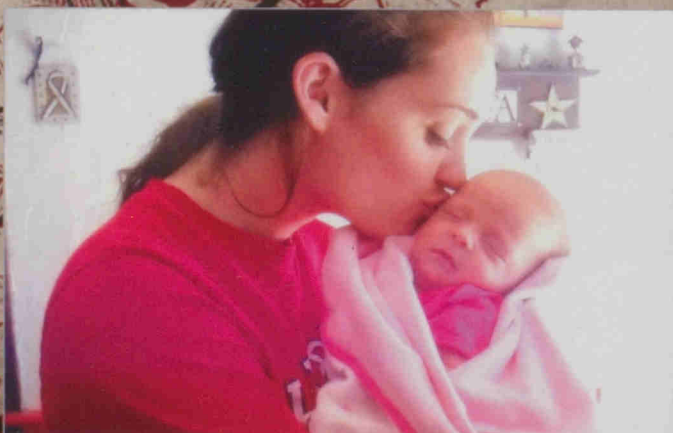
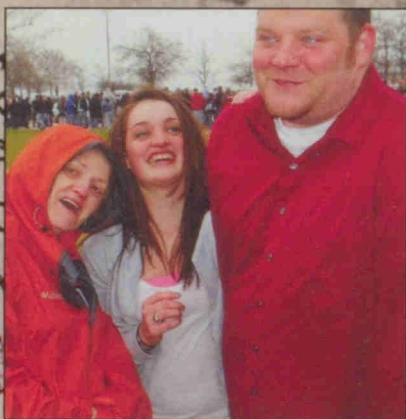
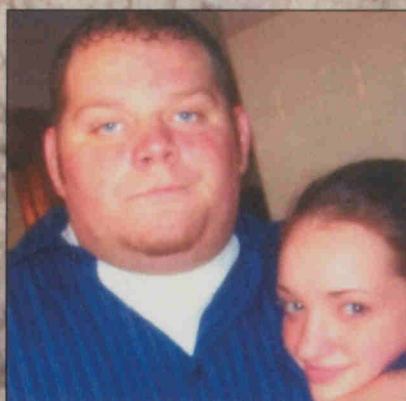
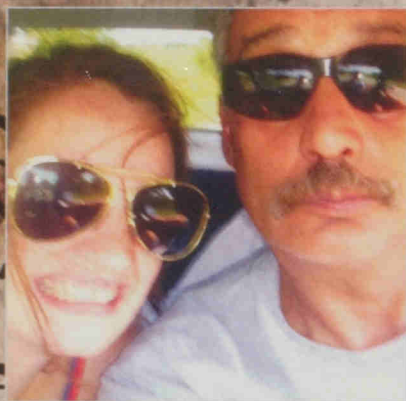


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Elizabeth Jo Neathery

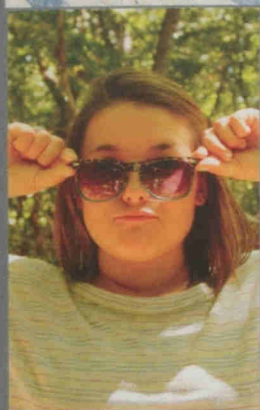
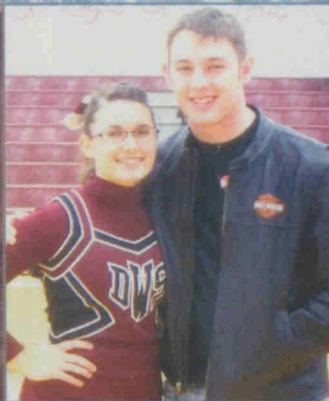
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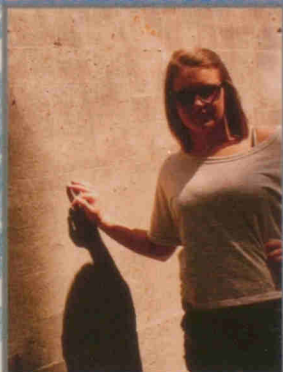
"Never let your head hang down. Never give up and sit down and grieve. Find another way. And don't pray when it rains if you don't pray when the sun shines."

- Leroy "Satchel" Paige

Savannah Ramage



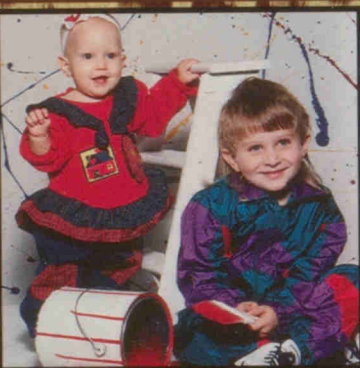
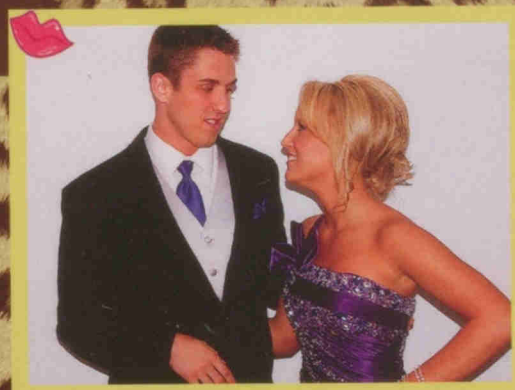
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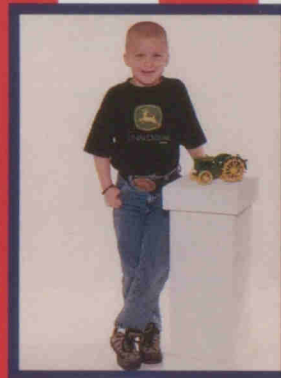
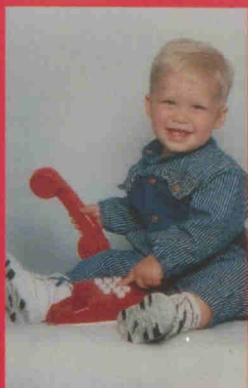
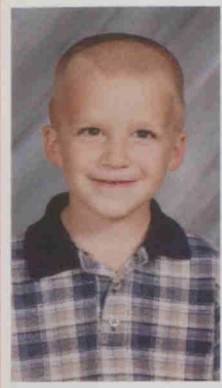
Brittany Roberts

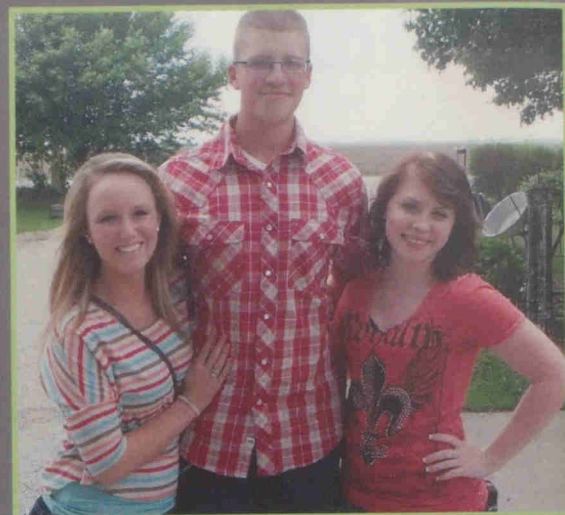
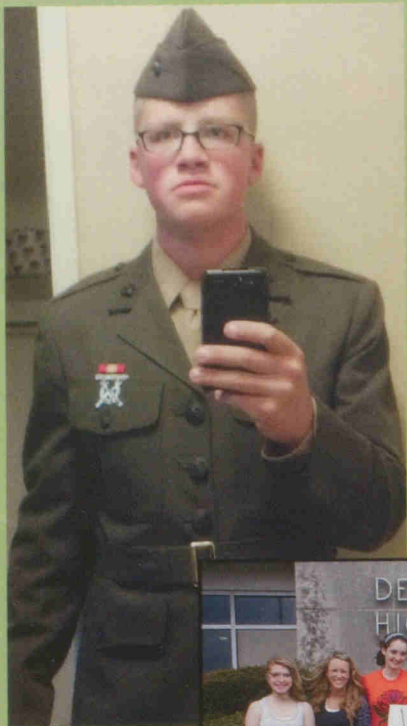


"All our dreams
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Walt Disney



Adlai Sayers





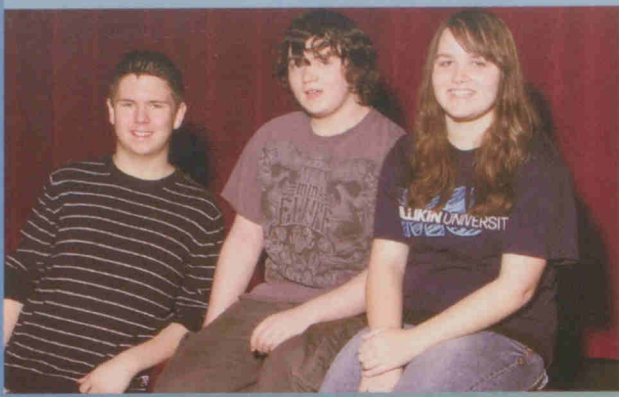
Adlai Sayers finished his graduation requirements in December and in February he left for Marine Corps boot camp. Adlai was stationed in San Diego California for three months. After his three months he got to come home for ten days. Adlai arrived back on May 12 and on the 21st of May. Adlai left for Camp Pendelton, California. Adlai will be at Camp Pendelton for 29 days after which he will go to North Carolina.





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CLUBS



FRESHMEN Class Officers: President Gabe Wikoff, Vice President Brea Bateman, Treasurer/Secretary Tristan Brannin.



SOPHOMORE Class Officers: L - R: Sponsor L. Frosch, Sponsor E. Holland-Linley, President Rowan Crozier, Vice-President Adam Sayers, Treasurer Zach Dash & Secretary Dylan Johnson.

Class Officers & Sponsors



JUNIOR Class Officers: L-R: Sponsor A. Chieu, President Mikayla Jones, Vice President Garrett Duff, Secretary Brooke Kimball, Treasurer Rachel White, Sponsor C. Atkins.

SENIOR Class Officers: L-R: Sponsor A. Noble, President Savannah Ramage, Vice-President Brittany Roberts, Treasurer Briana McKee, secretary Libby Neathery, Sponsor K. Mast, Sponsor R. Pray.



Lifesavers

Lifesavers Club is a school-wide organization of student leaders and staff who are dedicated to promoting a drug-free lifestyle and general wellness throughout the community.

Lifesavers Members: Back Row, L-R: President Savannah Ramage, Shelby Haynes, Brooke Kimball, Rowan Crozier, Adam Sayers, Garrett Duff, Briana McKee, Mikayla Jones, Ethan Cunningham, Johnny Becker. Front Row, L-R: Victoria Boley, Sponsor S. Schilawski, Libby Neathery.

Student Council



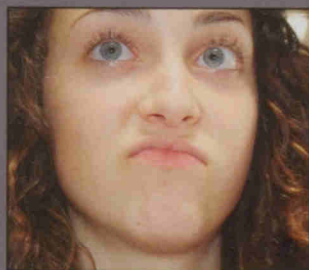
Lifesavers Officers: Libby Neathery, Mikayla Jones, Brooke Kimball, Tori Boley and Savannah Ramage.

Members:

L-R, Top-Bottom: Senior Vice-President and President, Brittany Roberts and Savannah Ramage. Junior Vice-President and President, Garrett Duff and Mikayla Jones. Sophomore President, Rowan Crozier. Freshman President, Gabe Wikoff. Sophomore Vice-President, Adam Sayers.



THIS & THAT



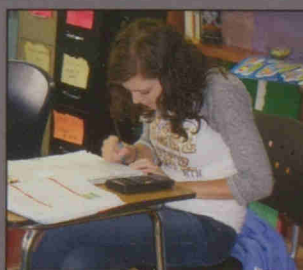
After I graduate, I am going to "go to California and become rich and famous...or go to school and study food and nutrition."

Rowan Crozier



Most memorable event of the year... "SHAWN G. when he 'Tebow'ed at Buckley!"

Jay Woods



"My plan is to move away after I graduate and attend a 2-year college and become a sonogram tech. Oh yeah, and marry Jesse Fink".

Rachel White



"My name is B.Rad and I'm not that bad. I go to school cuz I think it's cool. And why you might say? Cuz I do my homework everynight and day!"

Brad Stroh



Back row, left to right: Mr. Goldman, Garrett D., Ethan C., Johnny B., Adlai S., Jay W., Adam S., Mikayla J., Shawn G., Summer B., Gabe W., Mrs. Mast.

Row 3: Larry L., Jordyn L., Savannah R., Hanna H.

Row 2: Brooke K., Libby N., Eagle, Tori B., Rowan C., Oakley S.

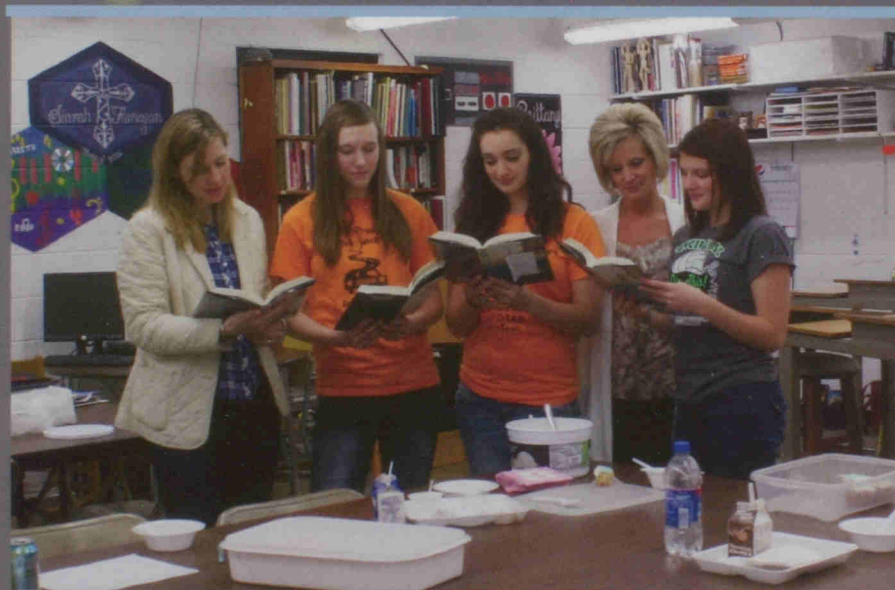
Front Row: Brittany R., Lex D., Briana M., Brittney S. and Sierra S.

Spirit Club

Mr. Goldman is back! After leaving DWHS for two years to teach and coach in Normal, Mr. Goldman returned to us. He led the Boys' Basketball team to their best season in many years and is working hard to revive our school spirit. We are glad to have you back, Mr. Goldman!



High-School Book Club



Bookworms behind the scenes...

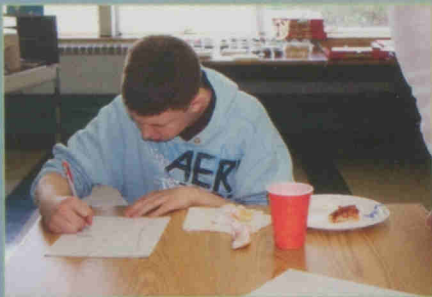
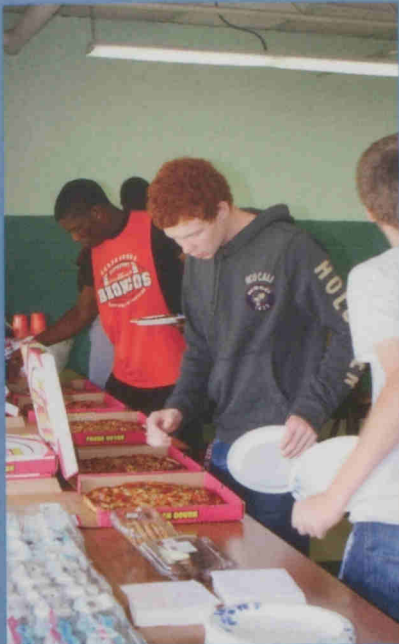
Left to Right: Sponsor Mrs. H-L, Mikayla, Libby, Sponsor Lori Weaver & Brooke.

We just love to read...

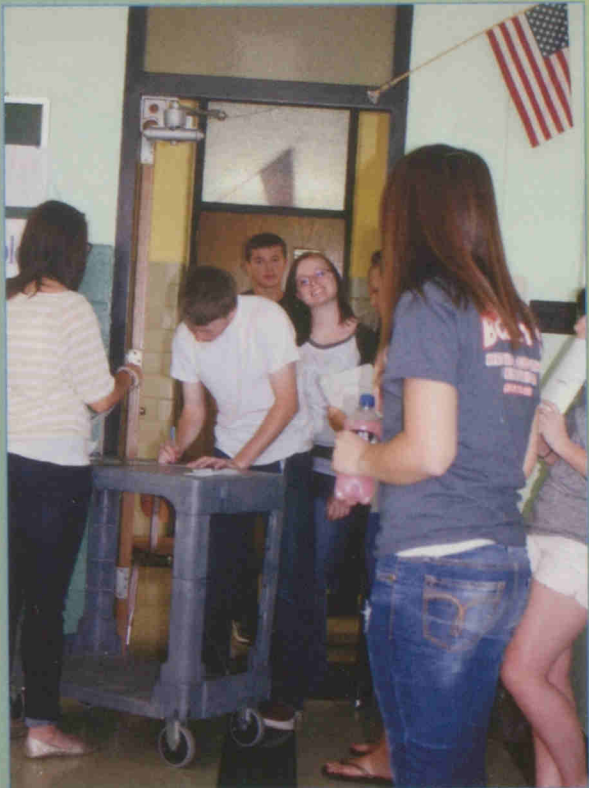
Stolen, The Body of Christopher Creed, Deadly Little Secrets, Impulse, Oh My Goth, Story of a Girl, Bullyville, Fast Food Nation, Girl Next Door, Hugo, How it Ends, North of Beautiful, The Statistical Probability of Love at First Sight, Bitter End, The Hunger Games, Heaven is For Real, A Night To Remember, Catching Fire, Mockingjay, Wintergirls, Sharp Objects and Speak. Also of note, we consumed mass quantities of candy and baked goods courtesy of Lori Weaver!

Yearbook Signing Party

This year we did something special with the students and the yearbook! We had a yearbook signing party! This party consisted of pizza, pop, treats, and a signing book. Everyone paid \$20 or signed a wavier. This yearbook signing party was the best get together for students!



Gabe



Students signing in!



Top: Garrett and Jay
Bottom: Dylan



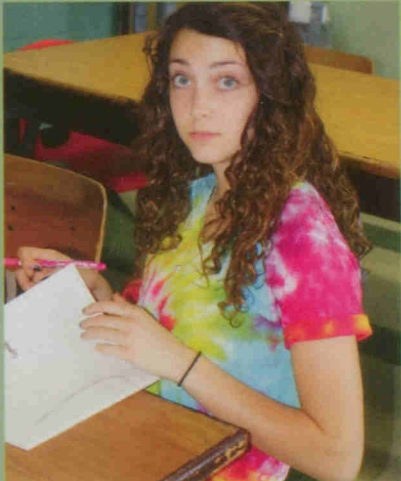
Lex



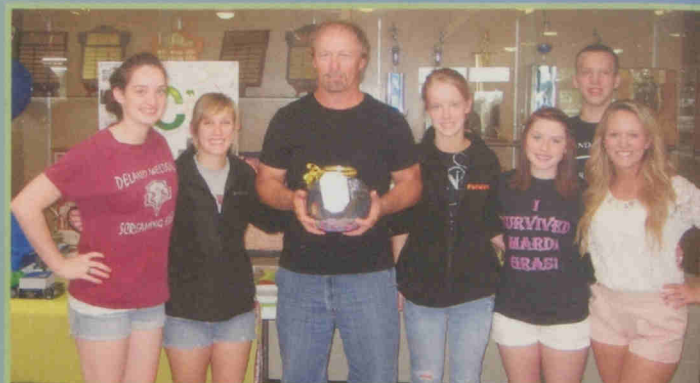
Top: Oakley Bottom: Ethan



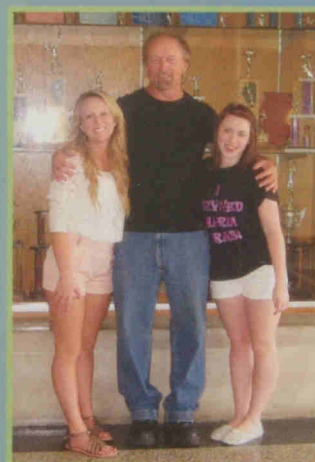
Top: Johnny Bottom: Rowan



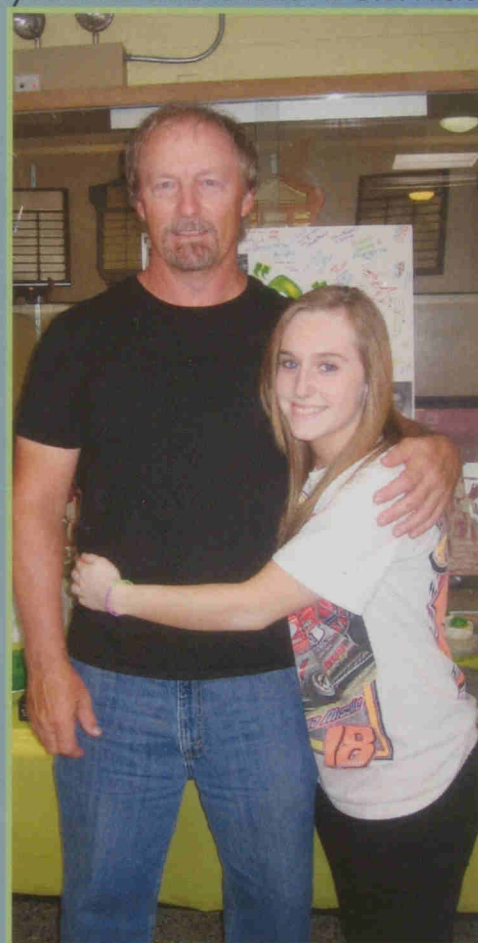
Mr. Cunningham's Retirement



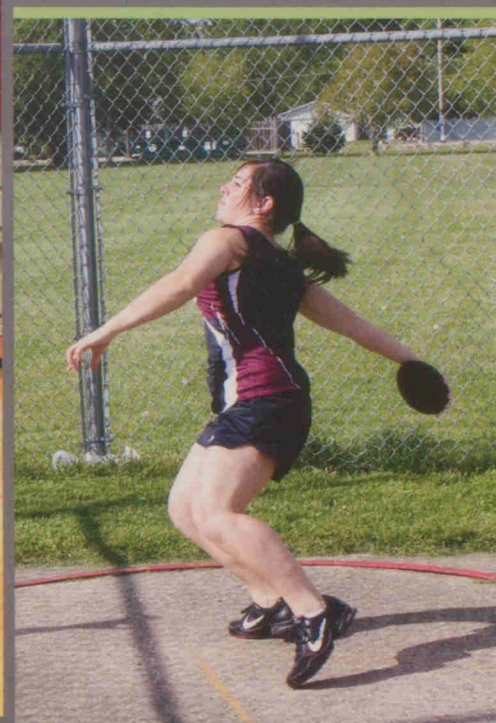
"Retirement plans include lots of golf, travel, some volunteer work, giving golf lessons, helping my dad with his place and marriage."



"My favorite class to teach is U.S. History."



"My favorite memories are homecoming week, class trips, getting to share and be a part of all the student lives, classic Matball match ups in P.E. and the friendships made with staff."



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SPORTS



The undefeated conference champs!



JV KICKING BUTT!



Row and Brooke

Volleyball

**WE'RE NOT JUST A TEAM.
WE ARE A FAMILY.**

This season was the most amazing season for the Seniors and the rest of the team. We were 9-0 in the conference and beat some of the most challenging teams. This year we achieved the goals of beating Uni High and LSA. This season both Junior Varsity and Varsity volleyball teams fought every game and never gave up.



Top: Just being girls!

Bottom: Back row players, ready to dig that ball up!



A team is just as important as family!





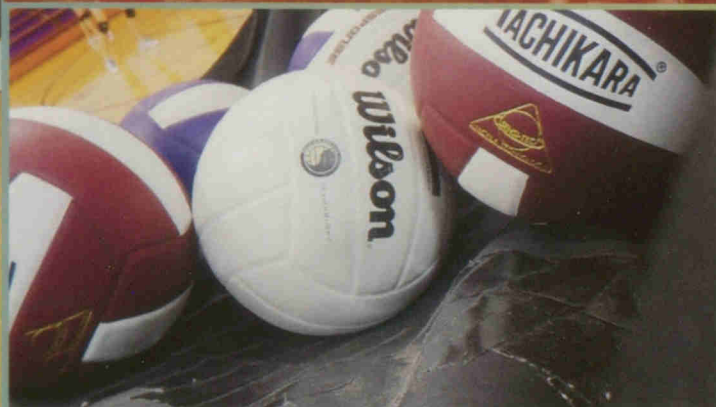
The team just goofing off before a tournament.



Attending an Illini Volleyball game.

**"It's not how good you are,
it's how bad you want it."**

Back Left to Right: Libby Neathery, Rowan Crozier, Coach Schatz, Mikayla Jones, Summer Berry and Lisa Kirwan.
Front Left to Right: Rachel White, Oakley Swinger, Brooke Kimball, Brittany Roberts, Lex Dick, Briana McKee and Madi Slaughter.



Boys' Basketball

The Boys' Basketball team made some progress this year winning 6 games during the 2011-2012 season. The team was introduced to Coach Goldman, who most already knew, at the end of last school year. The team started open gyms and weight lifting in June going in the summer to prepare for the season. The hard work started paying off as the Varsity team started playing competitive games and then winning 6 games. The team lost two Seniors this year but will still bring back majority of the team. With open gym already started the Boys Basketball team is looking forward to next season.



Make that lay up, Adlai!



Team Pictures

Back Left to Right: Shawn Garner, Ethan Cunningham, Zach Dash, Dylan Johnson, Dee Woods, Garrett Duff, Gabe Wikoff, and Coach Goldman. Front Left to Right: Johnny Becker, Jay Woods, and Larry Lappin.





Little Baby JJ



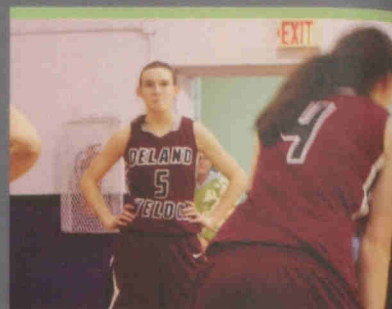
GET IT, ETHANI



**BUILD THE
FOUNDATION**



Consulting with the Coaches



Girls' Basketball

This year's girls' basketball season may not have been as successful as previous seasons, but it has definitely been a memorable one. Between scoliosis, kidney stones, concussions, and sprained ankles, we managed to pull through with all six of us still intact. Despite our multiple injuries, we managed to make many memories throughout the season. Whether it was winning 3rd place in double overtime during the conference tournament or finishing a game with only 3 girls left on the court, we definitely gave it 100%-no questions asked. THAT is what defines a team, that is what defines OUR team.

"Nobody has ever drowned in sweat"

-B.Y.A.



2012 Girls' Basketball, Back Left to Right: Coach Duff, Victoria Bennett, Mikayla Jones, Libby Neathery, Coach Kidd Front Left to Right: Briana McKee, Brea Bateman, Savannah Ramage



"We are small
in number, but
large in heart."

**# 4 Libby
Neathery**

**# 5 Mikayla
Jones**

**# 12 Savannah
Ramage**

**# 14 Briana
McKee**

**# 20 Brea
Bateman**

**# 25 Victoria
Bennett**



"Keep it up. Keep it up.
Keep that super spirit up!"



"Athletes lift weights, but cheerleaders lift athletes."

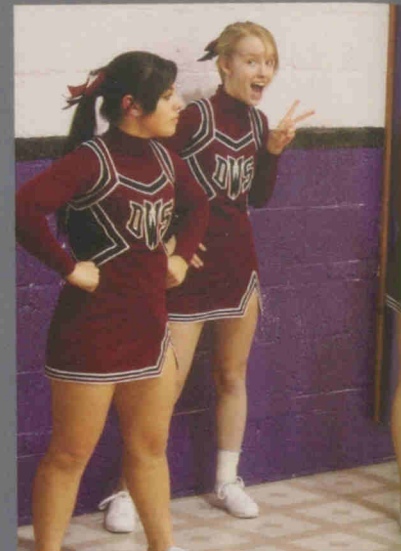


Cheerleading

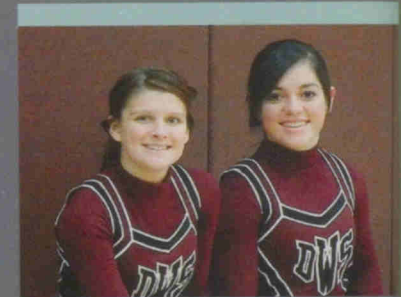
Yelling, cheering, smiling, and keeping up
the school pride!



Cheerleaders amping up the spirit at the
annual DWS homecoming pep rally!



Cheerleading Members: Top row, left to right: Jordyn Lappin,
Mikayla Jones, Brooke Kimball, Coach Goldman.
Middle Row, left to right: Libby Neathery, Shelby Haynes
Bottom row, left to right: Briana McKee, Savannah Ramage



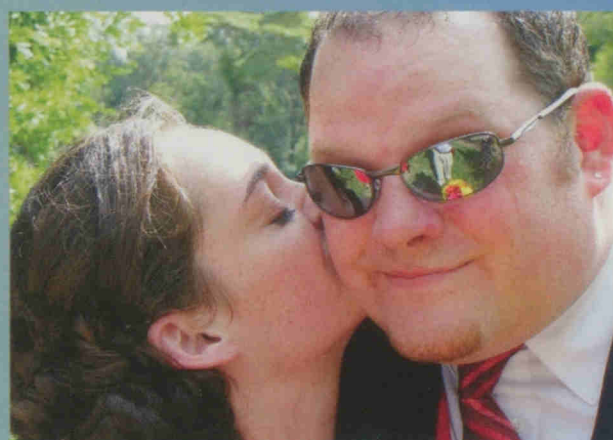


Football

Sophomore Dee Woods, has proved to be a true asset as the Running Back for Cerro Gordo. In an October game against Villa Grove, he scored 5 touchdowns, tying a record shared with only 5 other players in Cerro Gordo Football's history.

Three on Three Basketball Tournament

Organized by Mr. Goldman and Mrs. Snook with the help of many volunteers throughout the school and community, the tournament was held to benefit the Neathery family after the passing of Andy Neathery.

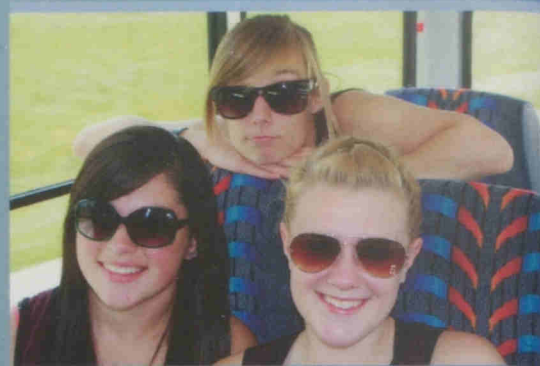


ALL FOR ANDREW

Above: Senior Libby Neathery with beloved brother, Andy.

Below: Libby and Melissa Neathery put on their game faces.



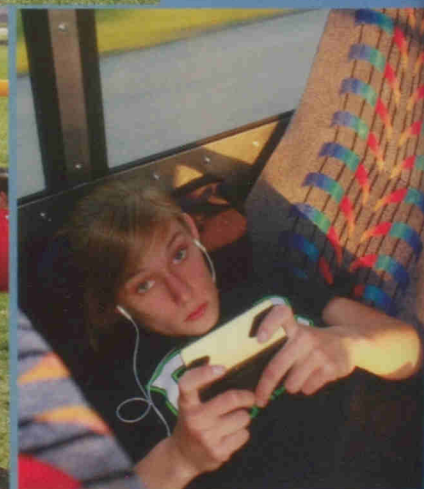


Track & Field

Our Season: The 2012 Track and Field season was a very successful one full of hardwork, dedication, smiles, laughter, and tears. It was also a trial and error season for our first year athletes. Despite bad weather, injuries, and illness, this season has been marked a success. Many school records, held by previous athletes, have now been set by this year's competitors. Even if everyone did not set records visible to all, there were many personal records achieved by every athlete which sometimes can mean more than a little piece of paper. We may have a small team, but we are proud to represent and compete with the big leagues, and that's something we take pride in.



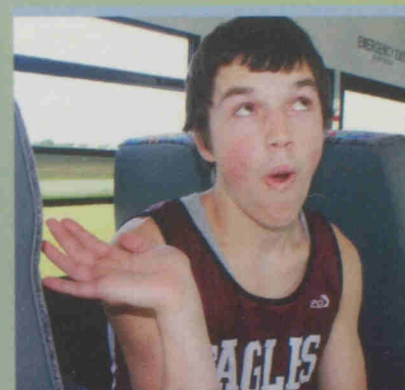
Respect is Earned, Not Given!





2012 Track Team

Back row (L - R): Larry Lappin, Coach Vanessa Lawson, Ben Olson.
Front row (L - R): Jordyn Lappin, Victoria Bennett and Briana McKee.



(L-R): Adam Sayers, Zach Dash, and Danielle Sturgeon.



2012 State Bound Bass Fishing Team

(L - R): Savannah Ramage, Ethan Cunningham, Garrett Duff and Tori Boley



Bass Fishing

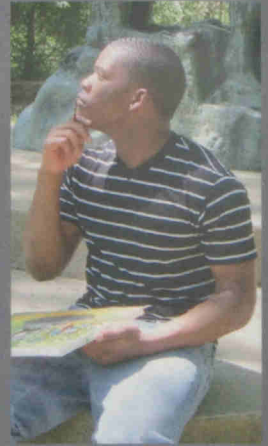
"Let's go catch us a
**FREAK
NASTY!"**

- Travis Boley



High-School ART

Adam Sayers



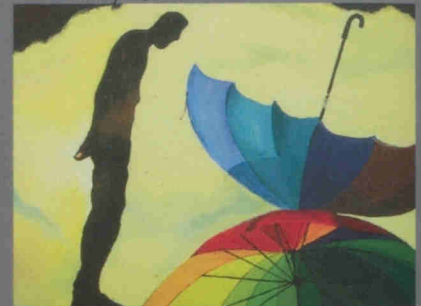
Brittany Roberts



Libby Neathery



Mikayla Jones



Oakley Swinger



Alexis Dick



Rowan Crozier



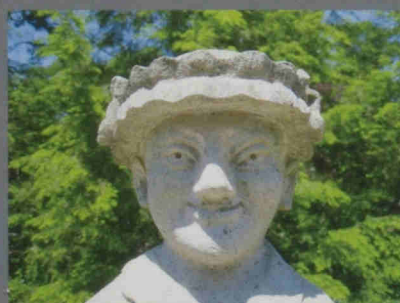
Briana McKee

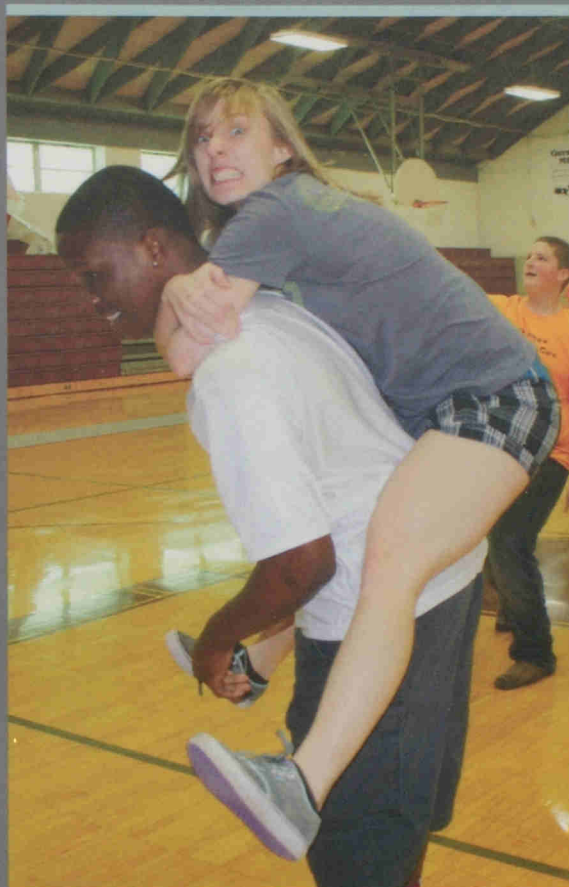


Dee Woods



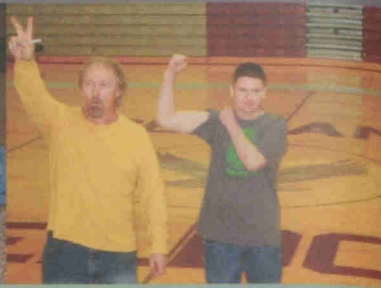
Brooke Kimball





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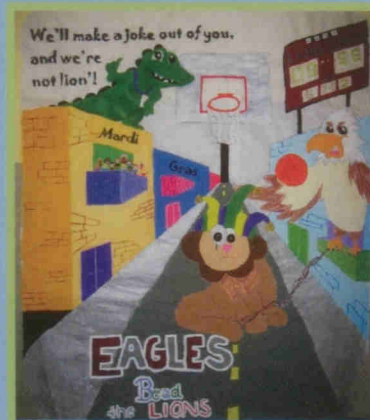


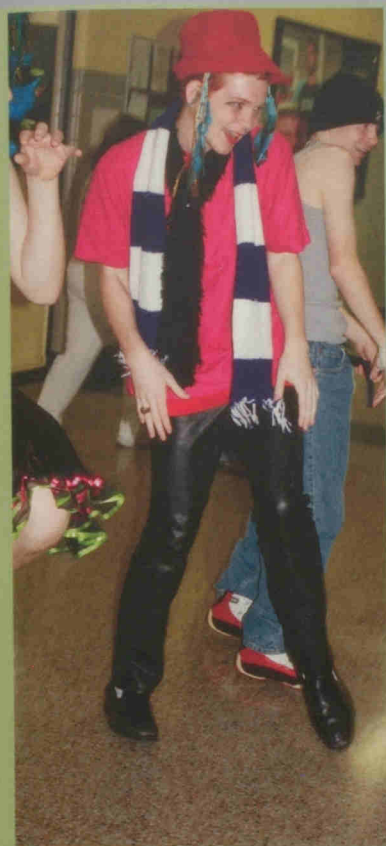
Spirit Week

SPIRIT WEEK IS ABOUT TRADITION, FUN, GAMES, COSTUMES AND CREATING ONE HECK OF A WALL DEC!



THE WALL DECS...

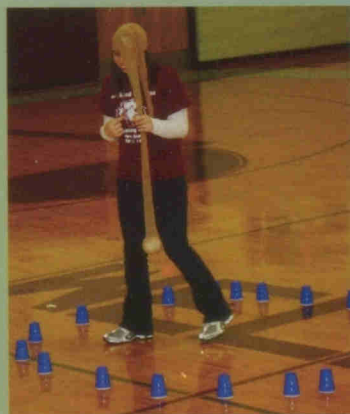
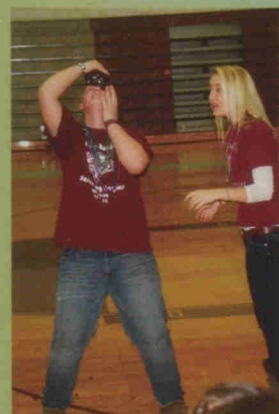




JUST ME & MY TWIN...



PEP ASSEMBLY...



Homecoming Dance

DeLand-Weldon Homecoming 2012

Mardi Gras

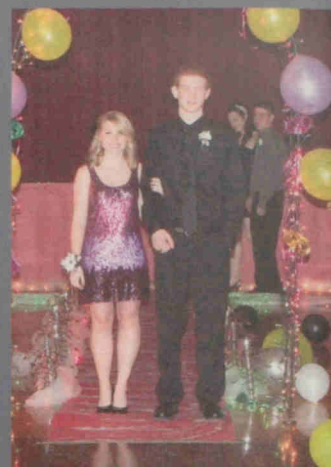
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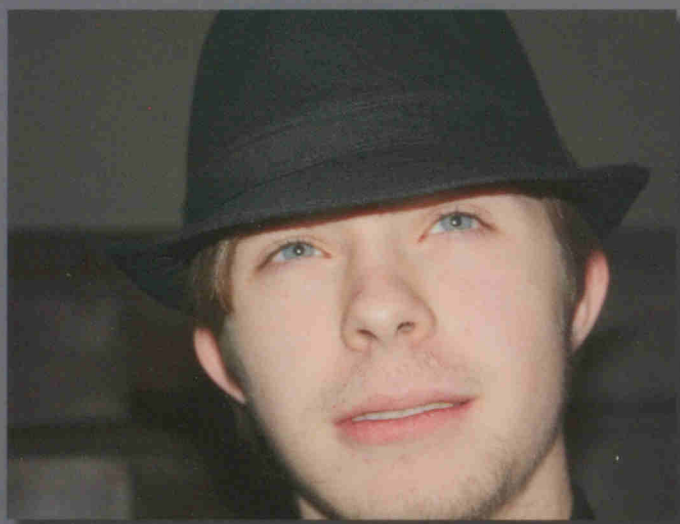
Brooke, Nathen, Libby, and Logan



Savannah Ramage and
Clayton Duff (Class of '10)



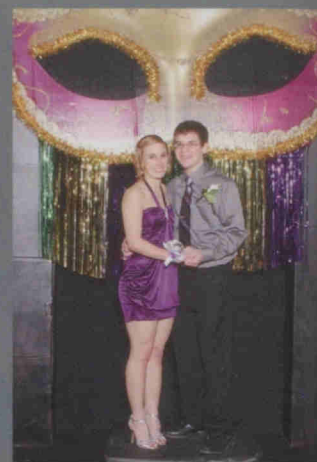
Hanna Hayes, escorted
by
Ethan Cunningham



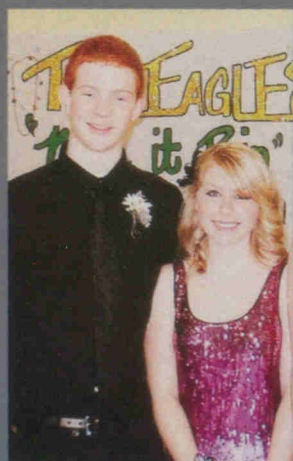
Ben Olson



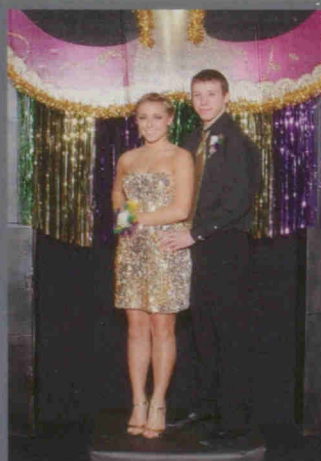
Libby Neathery and Logan



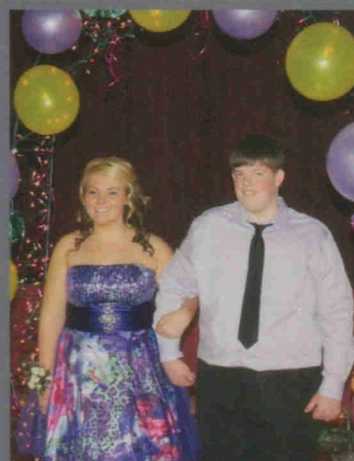
Briana McKee and Colin



Ethan Cunningham and
Hanna Hayes



Lex Dick and Brandon



Lisa Kirwan, escorted by Zach Dash



Garrett Duff and Hannah

Homecoming Court of 2012:

Freshmen: Hannah Barrick & Larry Lappin

Sophomores: Alexis Dick & Dee Woods

Juniors: Brooke Kimball & Johnny Becker

Senior Attendant: Hanna Hayes

King and Queen: Seniors, Shawn Garner & Brittany Roberts



Jesse Fink & Rachel White



Madi Slaughter and Nate



Brooke Kimball & Nathan



Broa Bateman & Josh Kim

Rowan Crozier



Senorita is so happy to present Freshmen Gabe Wikoff with a Whatchamacalit Award.



Alyssa Long accepts a Mathematics Award from Mrs. Chieu.



"Yay, Mrs. Schilaski got me a rock!"

Savannah Ramage receives her accolade for serving as Student Council President.



Bradley Stroh accepts one of Seniorita Frosch's many Candy Bar Awards.



Garrett Duff with Mrs. Schilaski



Mikayla Jones, Brooke Kimball, Tori Boley, Libby Neathery, and Briana McKee all smiles after receiving their awards.

Awards Assembly

May 8, 2012



Senior Art Awards were given to Briana and Libby by Mrs. Holland-Linley for 4 years of Excellence in Art.



Hanna Hayes proudly accepts her Dwight K. Schrute Award for Excellence in Business. Presented by Mr. Goldman.



Certificates awarded to Libby, Brooke and Mikayla for their yearlong participation in Book Club.

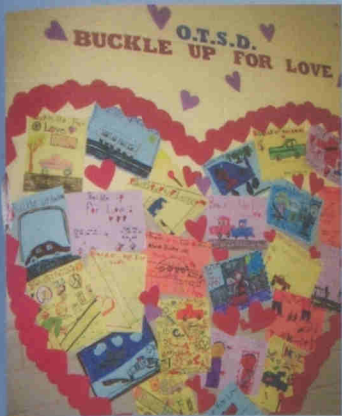


Libby Neathery and Briana McKee receive medals for being deemed Academic All-Conference.



Jon Long receives the Jolly Rancher award.

O.T.S.D. Operation Teen Safe Driving



O.T.S.D. Valentine's Day poster contest "Buckle Up for Love".



This year's National Honor Society and Lifesaver's club took on the O.T.S.D challenge. Supporting companies were Ford Driving Skills, All-State Foundation, and I.D.O.T Division of Traffic Safety. With the motto "Let's Prepare to Drive with Care", D-W students involved in these clubs hosted "drive-safe" assemblies, invited guest speakers, and posted signs in the community to promote safe driving.



Above: Garrett Duff changes a tire.

Below: Johnny Becker & Ethan Cunningham hang posters in the area to promote safe driving practices.



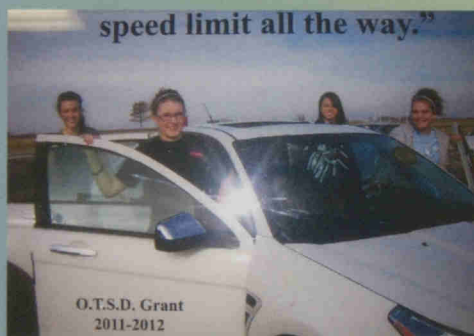
Students gathered in front of O.T.S.D "Buckle Up" promotional sign.



Ethan Cunningham maneuvering through the obstacle course at the distracted driving assembly.



Savannah Ramage checking for seatbelts as teachers and students arrive in the morning.



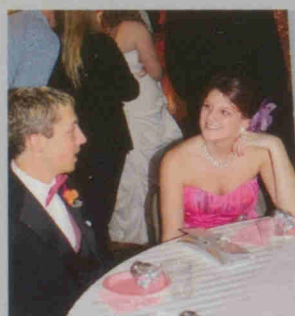
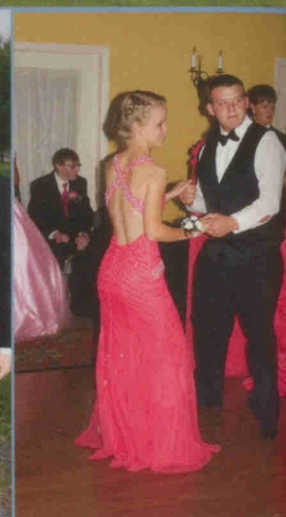
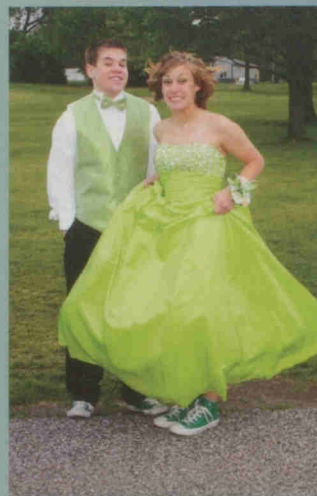
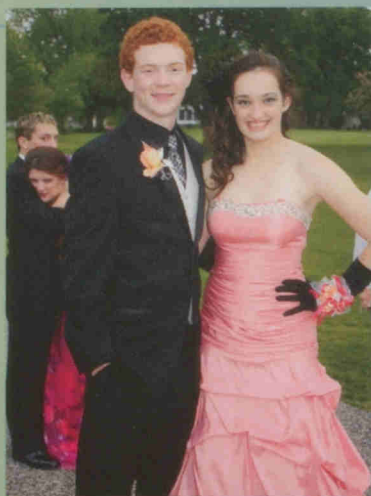
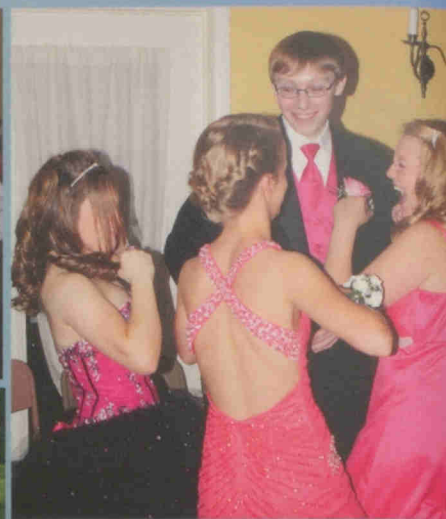
O.T.S.D. poster created by students. Featuring Rowan Crozier, Savannah Ramage, Tori Boley and Rachel White.



Jeremiah Coakley (Class of 2008) visits to tell students about severe injuries suffered from past car accident and the importance of car safety.

Prom

April 28, 2012
Farmer City Country Club



Nathen and Brooke



Oakley Swinger and
Garrett Duff



Lex Dick and her
boyfriend Brandon



Victoria, Heather,
Jordan, and Madi



Jesse and Rachel White

"PROM WAS FANTASTIC THIS YEAR!"

A job well done to the Junior Class, Mrs. Atkins, Ms. Chieu and Mr. Goldman. It was really fun! Everyone looked great! It was a wonderful Senior Prom!!!"

- Tori Boley

Jordan and her date



The Stanky Leg



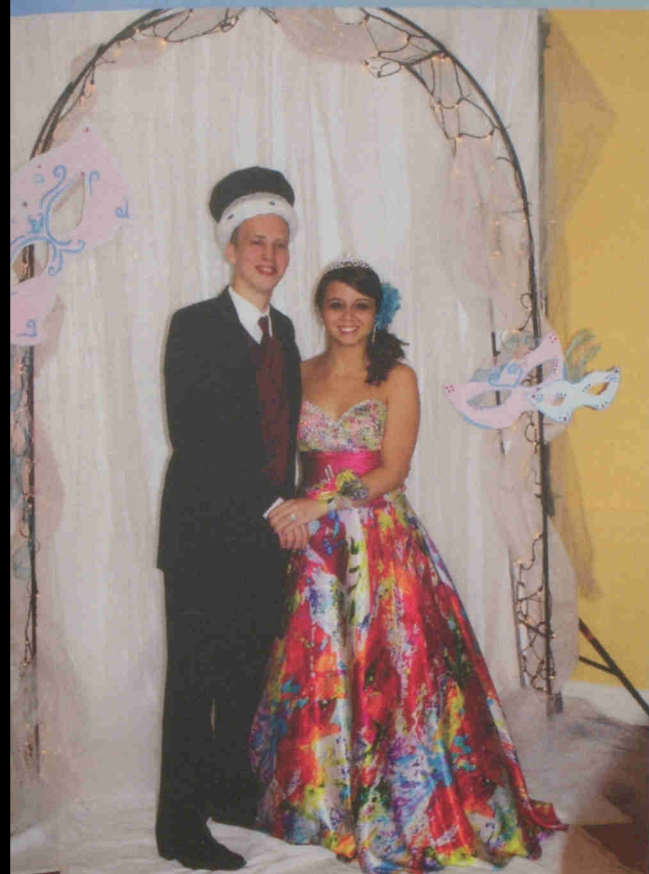
ABOVE 2012 Prom King, Josh Becker passes the crown on to Shawn Garner.

LEFT 2012 Prom Queen, Kristin Weaver crowns Tori Boley.



Brooke making a mask.

Masquerade



Summer and Dee, suspicious much?



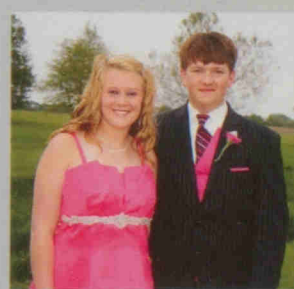
Johnny Becker and Rowan Crozier making conversation



Savannah boogying on the dance floor



Brad and Zach, the Men in Black

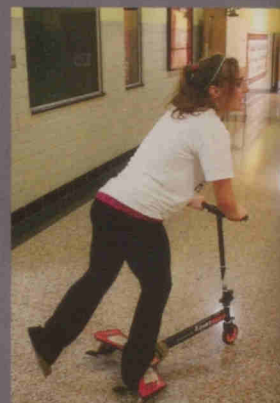


Victoria and her date



At this year's post prom, students volunteered to be hypnotized for the general entertainment of all. Under hypnosis, these participants were seen dancing, chanting, play-acting, and talking in Swahili and "Martian".

Post Prom

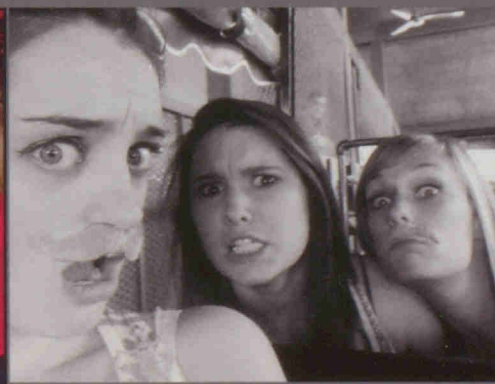
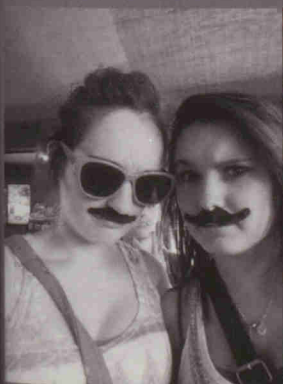
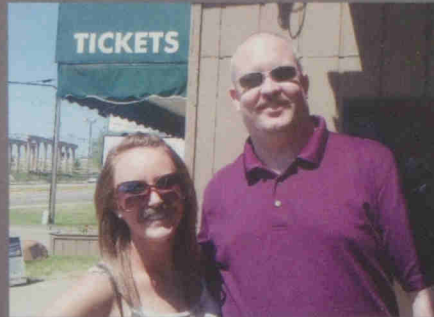


Other post prom activities included inflatable obstacle course races, numerous prize drawings, scootering, scavenger hunts, lots of laughing, and for some... *napping*.

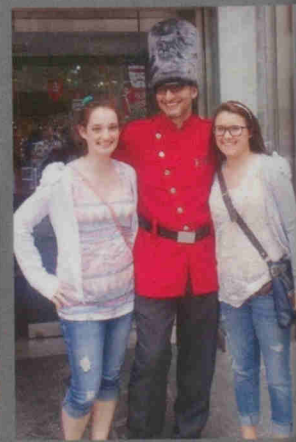
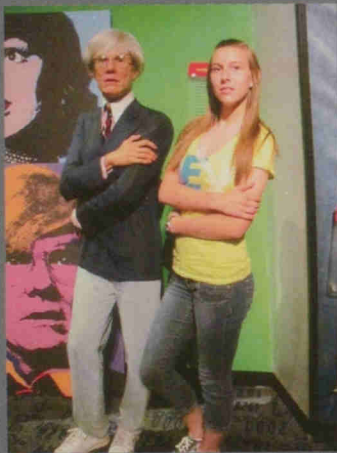
Senior Trip

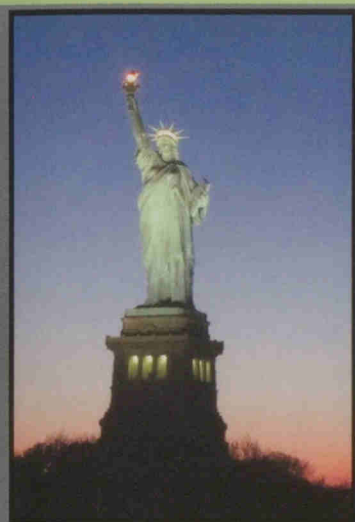
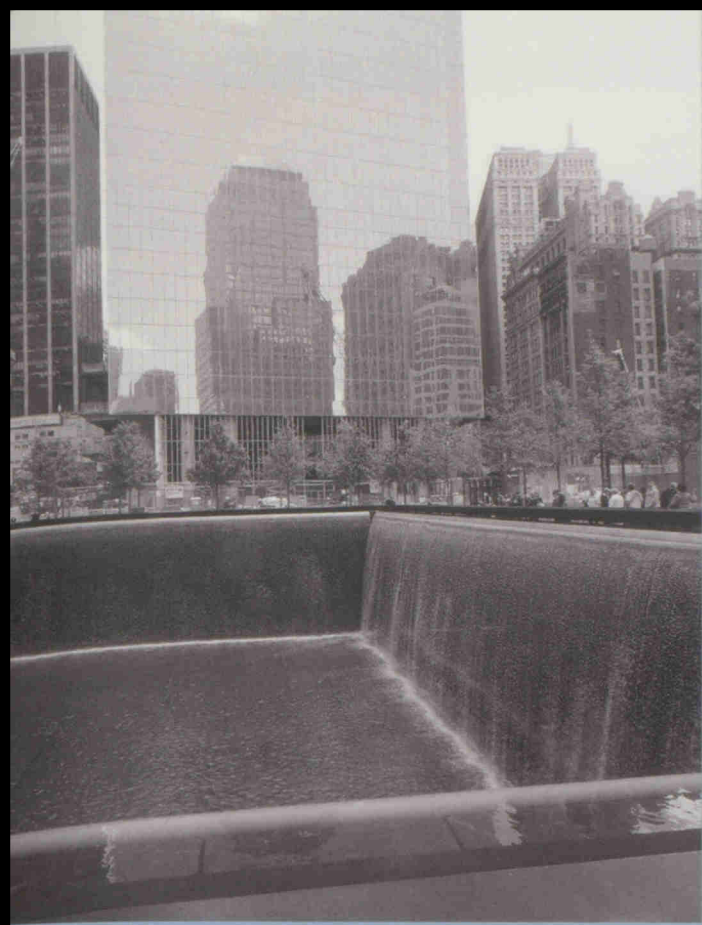
Wisconsin Dells

Shortly after many students had just returned from New York, the nine Seniors departed for Wisconsin. With 8 girls and one lucky guy, lots of fun ensued.



Band & Chorus in New York City





Many "Deland-Weedon" students this year adventured out of their small towns and into the largely populated New York City for their band and chorus trip. An adventure it certainly was, as the group learned the ins and outs of city life. As the group's bus driver declared, "Only in New York City does it take 3 hours to travel 40 miles". The group visited Times Square, Wall-Street, Central Park, the Met, and many other famous New York City Destinations. Overall, the trip was a success, and the tour guide (known for her incessant need to say "stay up against the wall") learned that, in fact, it is possible to fit a week's worth of activities in three days.



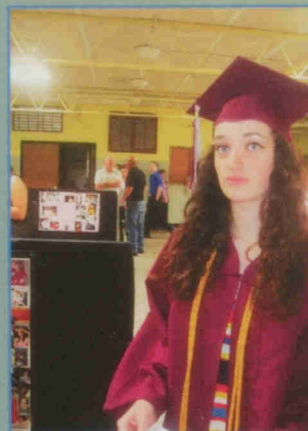
Graduation



Deland-Weldon Class of 2012

The Commencement ceremony was held on May 26th, 2012 in the sweltering heat of the high school gym. Speeches were given by Guest Speaker, Joshua Shofner, Valedictorian Libby Neathery and Salutatorian (One Man Wolfpack) Briana McKee.

Besides an extremely close race for salutatorian between Briana and Tori (decided by one-thousandth of a point), this year's graduation will be remembered for some beautifully decorated mortar boards, a missing classmate - Adlai and the application of fake moustaches tied in with the flipping of tassles.



Valedictorian

Libby Neathery

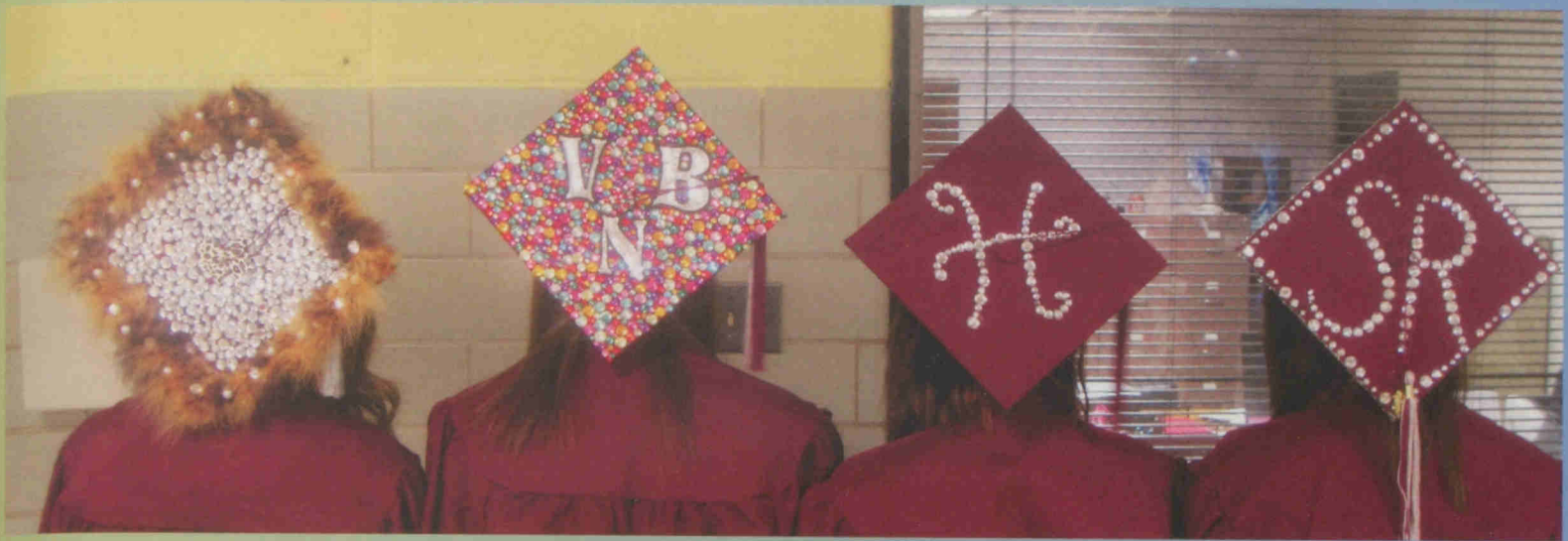
Briana McKee

Salutatorian

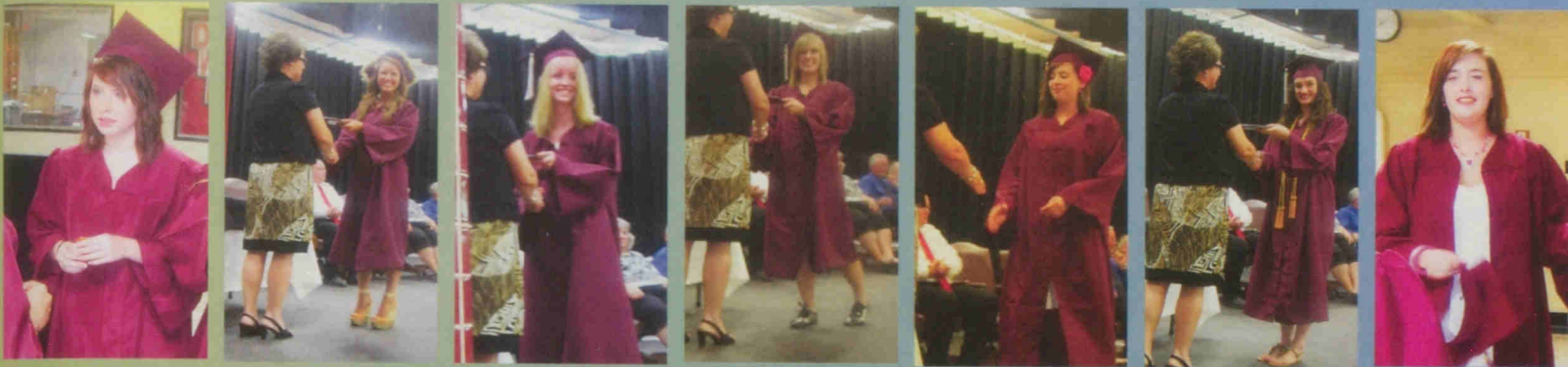


Right:L-R:Briana, Libby, Brittany, Tori, Hanna, Savannah, Shelby, Alissa, and Shawn





Bedazzled Mortar Boards



Tori getting her diploma



Chorus singing "To the Memories"





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A collage of photos from a graduation ceremony, including a couple in formal wear, a group of students, and a graduate in a cap and gown.

Class of 2012

A portrait of a young woman with dark hair, wearing a pink flower in her hair and a brown jacket.

Best Wishes Graduates!

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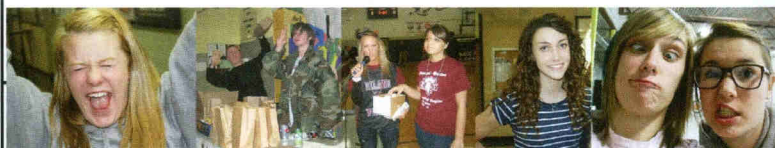
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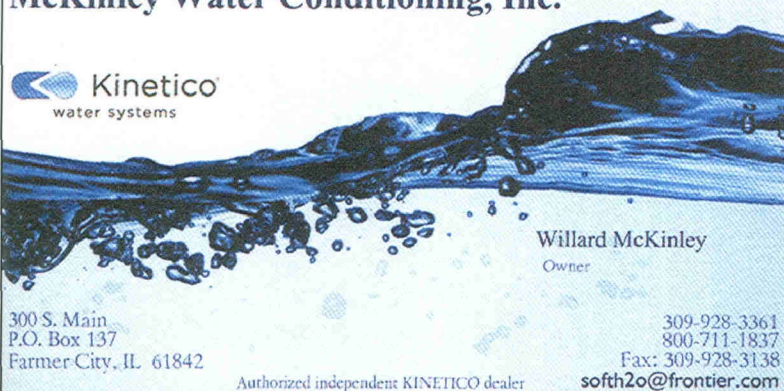
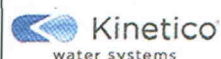


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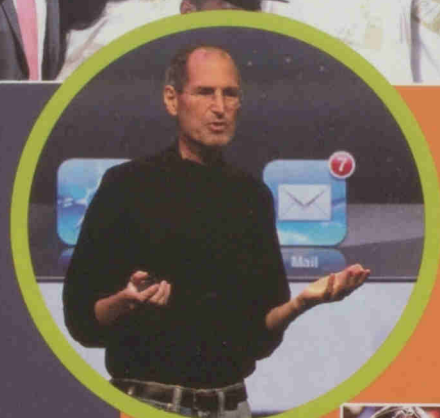
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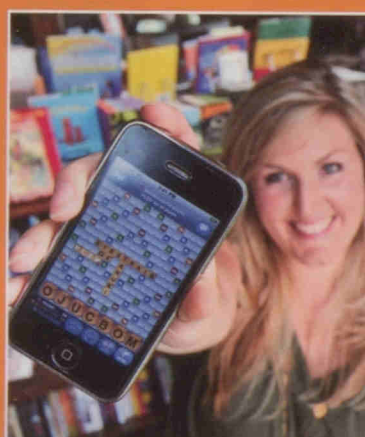
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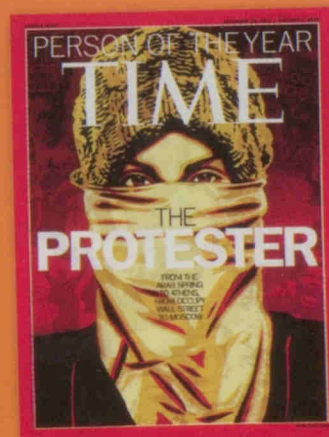
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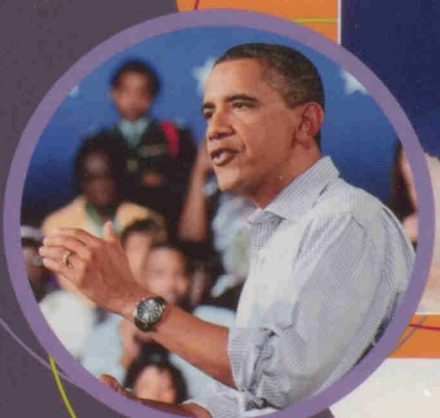
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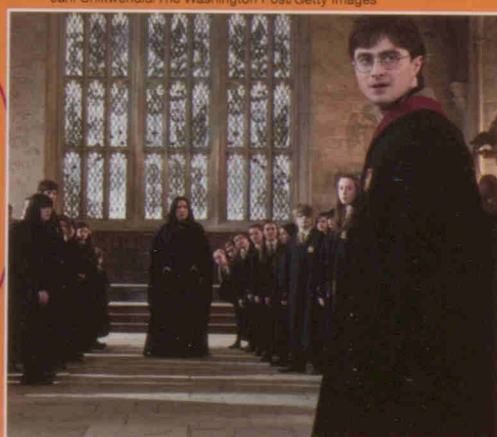
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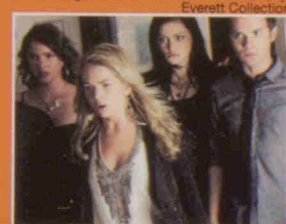
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Occupy Wall Street Occupies Headlines

Outrage over bank bailouts and foreclosures sparks a protest movement that spreads from New York's Zuccotti Park to cities across the nation.

Space Shuttle Program Ends

The nation's budget woes force NASA to cancel a 30-year program that shuttles U.S. astronauts to and from the International Space Station.

You Are One in 7 Billion

In October, the United Nations expresses concern over the planet's food supply now that the world population has reached an all-time high of 7 billion.

News



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Statue of Liberty Turns 125

Lady Liberty celebrates her 125th anniversary. To mark the occasion, 125 immigrants from 46 countries are sworn in as U.S. citizens.



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Halloween Blizzard Brings Tricky Snowfall

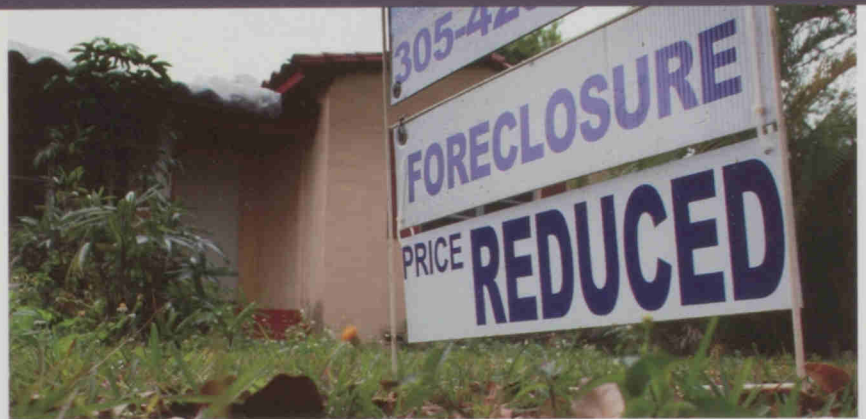
A surprise Nor'easter dumps record snowfalls of more than two feet in the Northeast, leaving millions stranded without power on Halloween.



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Doctor Convicted in Michael Jackson's Death

Conrad Murray, Michael Jackson's personal physician, is convicted of involuntary manslaughter for his role in the pop star's anesthetic overdose.



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New Foreclosure Relief Is Coming

The government passed a near unanimous 26 billion dollar mortgage settlement, supported by 49 of the 50 states. The settlement is geared towards those affected by the housing crash that now owe more on their houses than they're actually worth.



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Arab Spring Extends Through Fall

Middle East regimes topple with the death of Libya's Muammar Gaddafi and the ouster of Egypt's Hosni Mubarak and Tunisian dictator Zine El Abidine Ben Ali.



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Hurricane Irene Engulfs New England

Hurricane Irene unleashes torrential rains on New England, resulting in washed-out roads and swollen rivers. One woman is swept away and drowned.

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Cruise Ship Capsizes

The *Costa Concordia* runs aground off the Italian coast near the Isola del Giglio, resulting in numerous casualties.

Death of Bin Laden Catches Nation's Attention

The United States watched as news came in about the death of Osama Bin Laden, following the Seal Team 6 raid on the terrorist leader's Pakistan compound.

U.S. Troops Leave Iraq

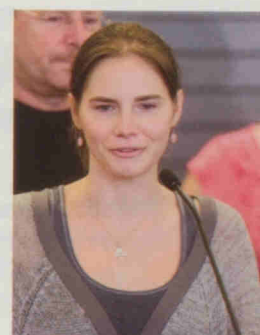
The withdrawal of U.S. troops from Iraq ends in December, concluding eight years of war and occupation.



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Greek Economy Endangers European Stability

European nations offer bailout loans and urge austerity measures to keep the Greek debt crisis from damaging the Euro-Zone economy.



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Amanda Knox Acquitted

Italian courts overturn the murder conviction of American college student Amanda Knox. She returns home to Seattle after serving four years in prison.



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Legislators Take Bullying Seriously

To address increasing concern over harassment in schools, Michigan becomes the 47th U.S. state to pass laws that are written to combat bullying.



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Obama Introduces Jobs Act

To boost the sluggish economy, President Obama presents Congress with the American Jobs Act, a bill designed to put citizens back to work.



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Navy Rescues Iranian Crew from Pirates

In the North Arabian Sea, the USS Kidd, a U.S. Navy warship, rescues the crew of an Iranian fishing boat from Somali pirates.



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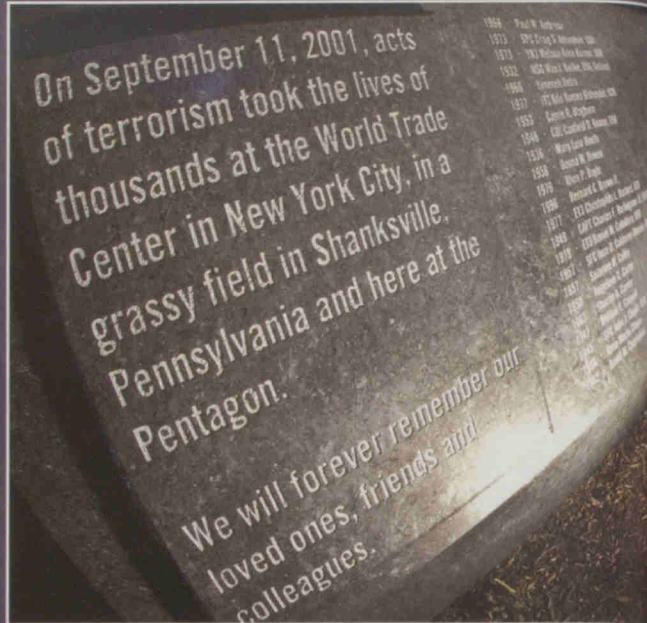
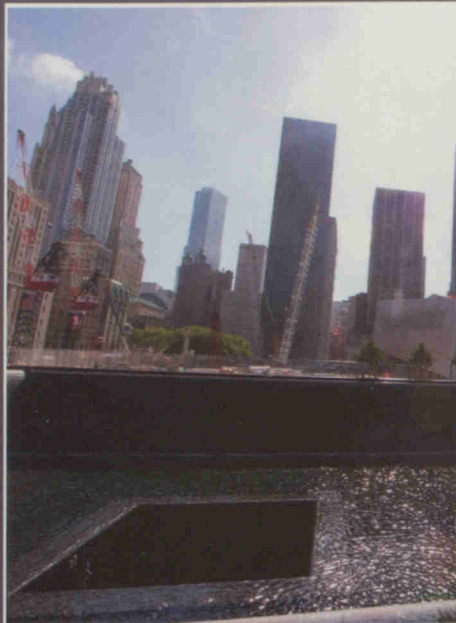
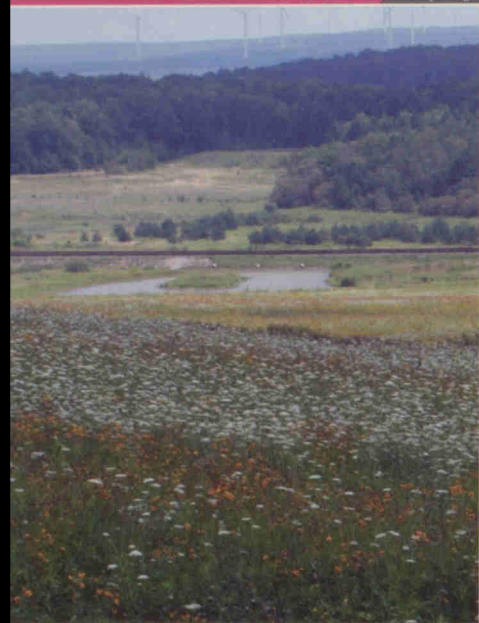
Republican Hopefuls Debate

A series of nationally televised debates narrows the field as candidates vie for the 2012 Republican presidential nomination.

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The Nation Remembers 9/11

On the tenth anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks, memorial events are held in New York, Pennsylvania and Washington, D.C.

Give & Take



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Watson Gets a Government Job

After trouncing human *Jeopardy!* champions, Watson, the IBM supercomputer, analyzes pharmaceutical patent data for the National Institutes of Health.



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Post Office Posts Losses

After sustaining a record \$14.4 billion loss for its 2012 fiscal year, the U.S. Post Office asks consultants to advise them about restructuring.

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Coupon Clipping Continues

Coupons are a lifestyle trend as consumers emulate super-thrifty shoppers featured on TV shows like *Extreme Couponing* on TLC.



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School Buildings Go Green

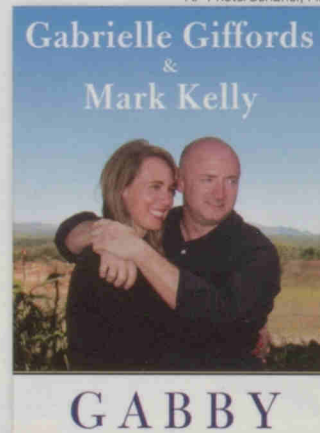
States are adopting green building practices so that school buildings can save energy and use fewer resources.



Consumers Trash Junk Mail

Households across the nation are taking steps to reduce the paper waste of unwanted junk mail from catalog companies and advertisers.

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Gabby Giffords Pens Memoir

One year after she was shot by a would-be assassin, Representative Gabrielle Giffords and her husband publish a memoir.

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Tuscaloosa Survives Tornado

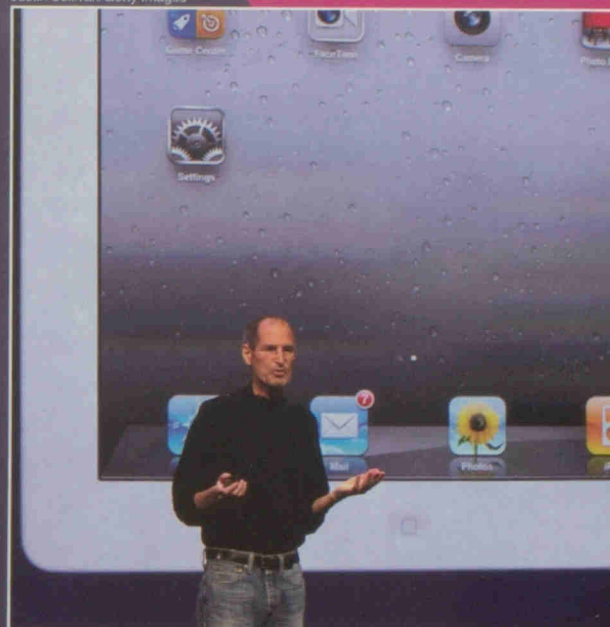
When a tornado hits the town of Tuscaloosa, these University of Alabama students seek shelter in a bathtub under a mattress.



"The Protester" Is Person of the Year

As demonstrations in Tunisia, Egypt, Libya, Syria, and New York make headlines, *Time* magazine names "The Protester" as 2011's Person of the Year.

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Steve Jobs Dies

Apple co-founder Steve Jobs, a pioneer in the personal computing and consumer electronics fields, dies at age 56 of pancreatic cancer.



AP Photo

Women Leaders Share Nobel Peace Prize

Liberian peace activist Leymah Gbowee, Liberian President Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf, and Tawakkol Karman of Yemen all receive the Nobel Peace Prize.

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New LED Lightbulbs Shine for Decades

Pricey, Energy Star-rated LED bulbs debut in stores and outshine compact fluorescent bulbs, lasting five times longer.

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New Standards Regulate Fracking Practices

Regulators announce national anti-pollution standards to oversee the natural gas industry's practice of hydraulic fracturing, or fracking.



YouTube Request Snags Timberlake

Corporal Kelsey de Santis successfully asks Justin Timberlake to be her date for the Marine Corps Ball by posting a video on YouTube.



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Joplin Mall Is Makeshift School

After Missouri's Joplin High School is destroyed by a tornado, students attend class at nearby Northpark Mall.



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London Builds an Eco-savvy Olympic Park

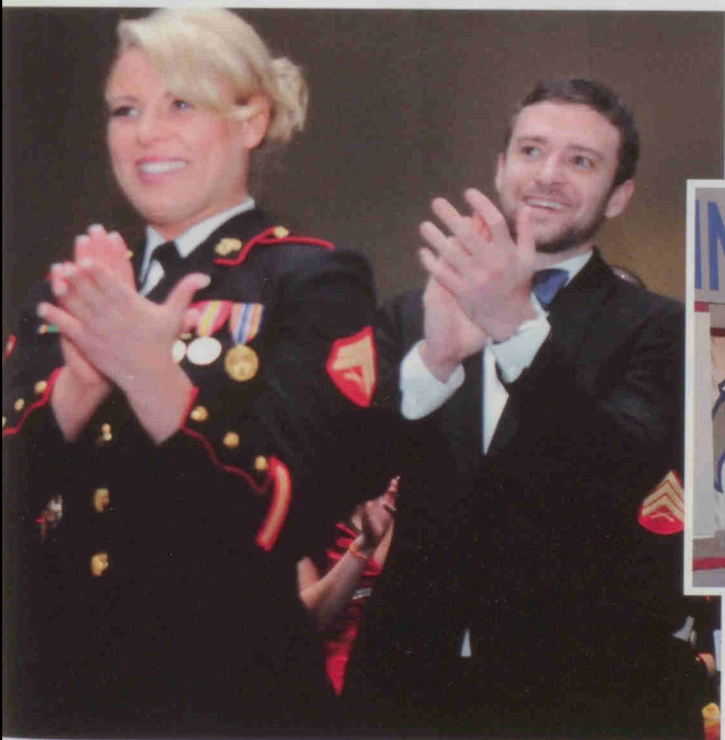
Green building practices transform former industrial land into London's Olympic Park for the 2012 Summer Games.



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Airlines Fly Toward Greener Fuels

Seeking to decrease greenhouse gas emissions and shrink their carbon footprint, passenger jets are starting to switch to new bio-fuels.

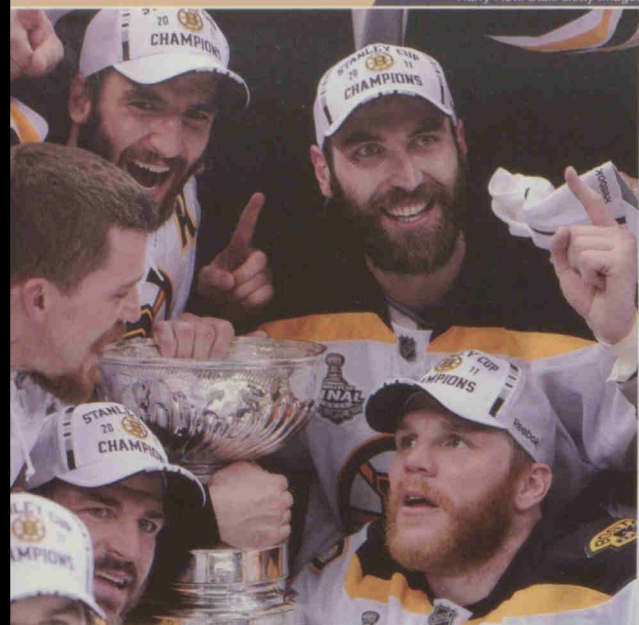


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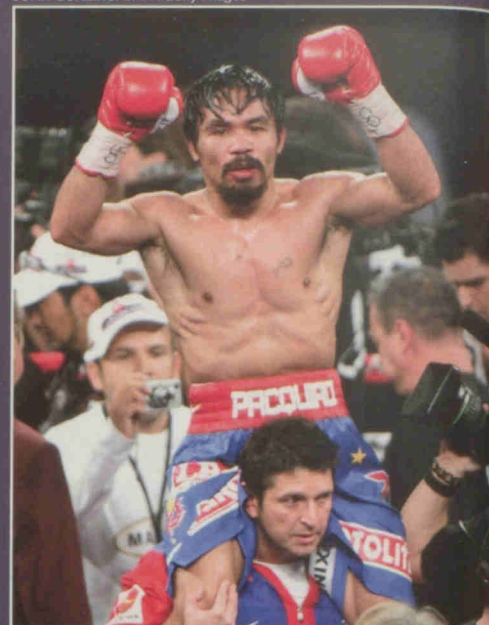
Boston Bruins Bear Down

Following their first Stanley Cup win in 39 years, the Boston Bruins keep the momentum going strong with a solid 2011-2012 season.



Skaters Gather in Brazil

Lincoln Ueda, Tony Hawk and other world-class skateboarders headline a "Jump" festival at Ibirapuera gym in Sao Paulo, Brazil.



Manny Pacquiao Holds His Title

In Las Vegas, WBO Welterweight champ Manny Pacquiao successfully defends his title against Juan Manuel Márquez.

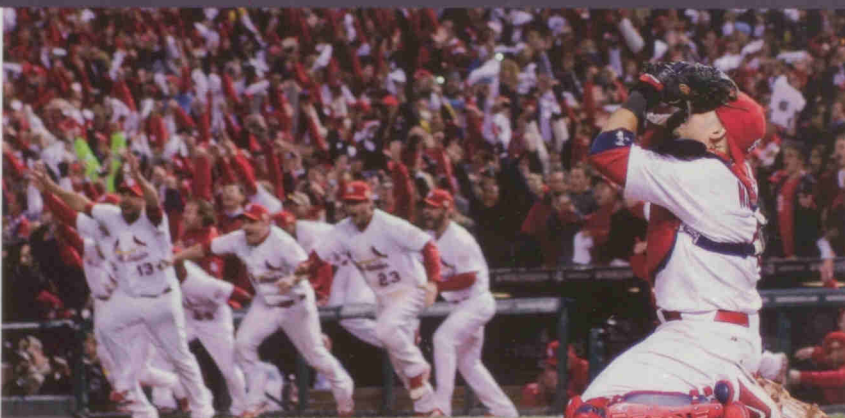
Sports



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Teen Is Youngest LPGA Tour Winner

Lexi Thompson, age 16, wins her first LPGA tournament, the Navistar LPGA Classic, making her the youngest winner in the history of the LPGA Tour.



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St. Louis Cardinals Win World Series

With a win over the Texas Rangers in seven games, the St. Louis Cardinals take home their 11th World Series victory.



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Basketball Players End Strike

The 2011 NBA lockout ends as basketball team owners and players strike a deal. The start of the season is delayed until Christmas.



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Verlander Receives Cy Young Award

Justin Verlander of the Detroit Tigers is American League MVP and winner of the 2011 Cy Young Award.



AP Kevin Terrell

Talking Tebow

Sports announcers and fans debate over Denver Broncos quarterback Tim Tebow, an athlete who wears his faith on the sleeve of his football jersey.



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Minnesota Lynx Net WNBA Championship

The Minnesota Lynx defeat the Atlanta Dream in three games to claim their first-ever WNBA championship.

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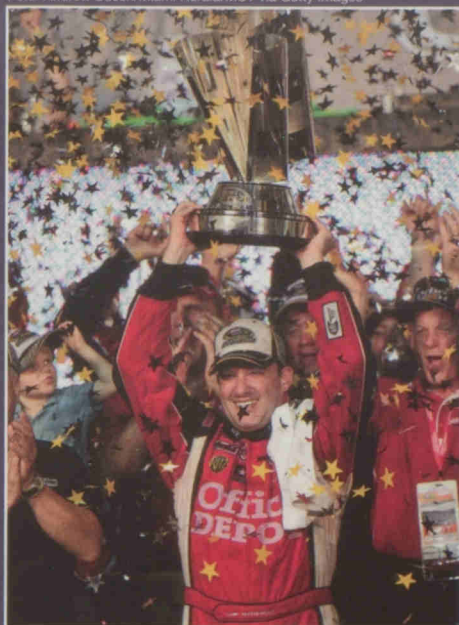
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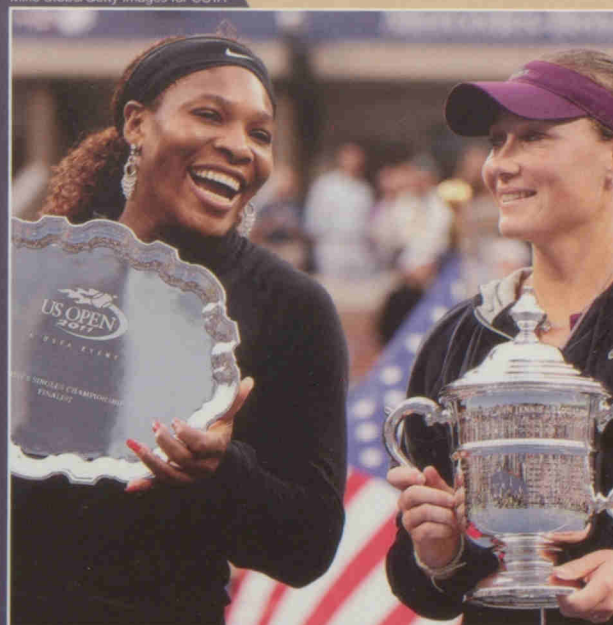
First Lady Gets a Kick Out of Fitness

Members of the U.S. Women's National Soccer Team join Michelle Obama for a Let's Move soccer clinic on the south lawn of the White House.



Tony Stewart Races to NASCAR Victory

In the season's final race of the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series at Homestead-Miami Speedway, Stewart edges out Carl Edwards in a tiebreaker.



Stosur Wins U.S. Open

Australian tennis player Samantha Stosur defeats Serena Williams to win the women's singles championship at the U.S. Open.

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Baylor Gets Its First Heisman Winner

Robert Griffin III, starting quarterback for the Baylor University Bears, is named the winner of the Heisman Trophy award.



JoePa Loses His Battle with Lung Cancer

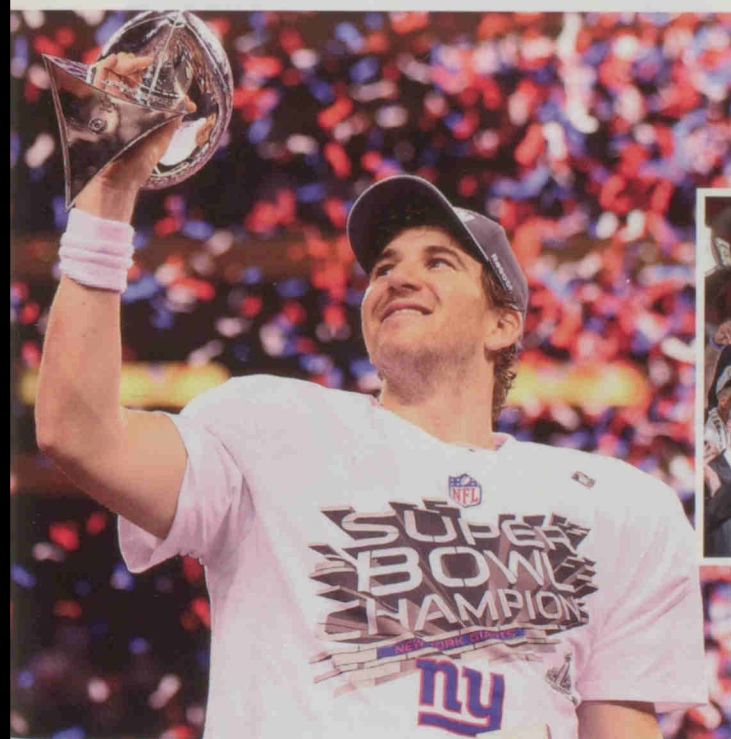
Joe Paterno, the beloved college football coach who led the Penn State Nittany Lions to a record-breaking 409 victories, dies at age 85.

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Sports Illustrated Honors Coaches

The Sportswoman and Sportsman of the Year awards go to college basketball coaches Pat Summitt and Mike Krzyzewski.



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New York Wins Super Bowl Trophy

Eli Manning leads the New York Giants to their fourth Super Bowl triumph, narrowly defeating the New England Patriots 21 to 17.



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Dallas Mavericks Beat the Heat

The Dallas Mavericks ice the Miami Heat dream team and LeBron James by winning the 2011 NBA World Championship in Game 6.

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Women Gymnasts Garner Gold

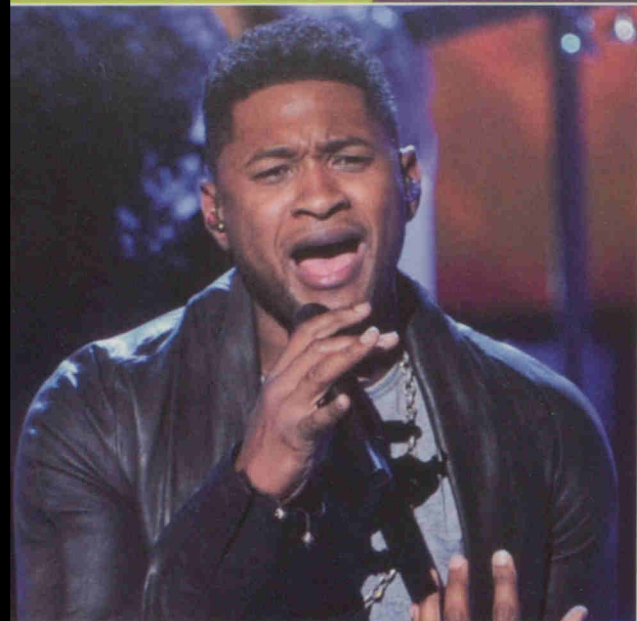
The U.S. women's team brings home gold medals from the Artistic Gymnastics World Championships in Tokyo.

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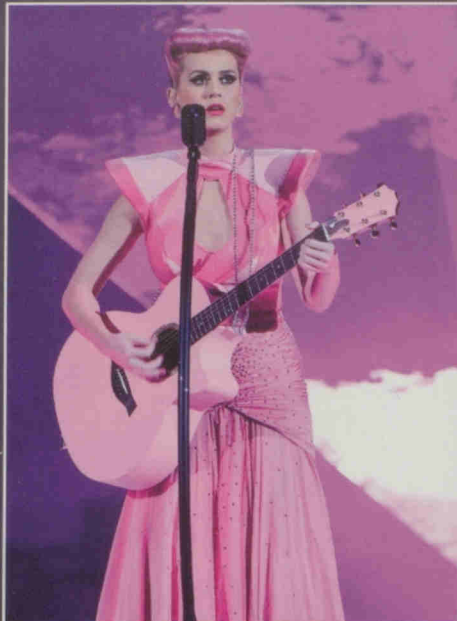
Kelly Slater Rules the Waves

By winning top honors at the Billabong Pro Tahiti competition, surfer Kelly Slater captures his 47th elite World Tour victory.



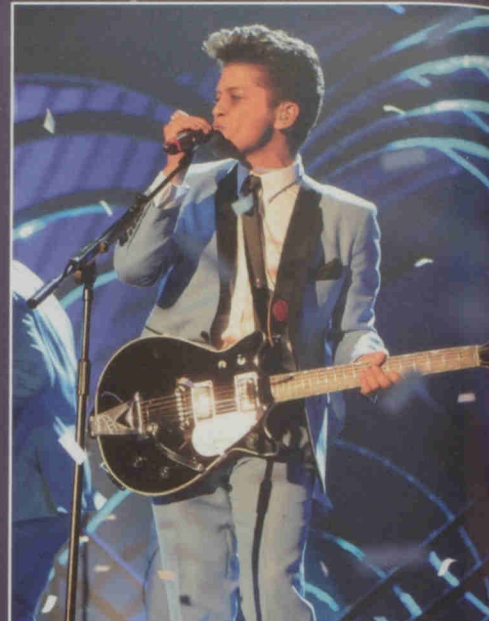
Usher on the Upswing

Usher wins the AMA Favorite Male Artist award, performs with Justin Bieber for NBC's *Christmas in Rockefeller Center* and reunites with Ludacris.



Katy Perry Stays on Top

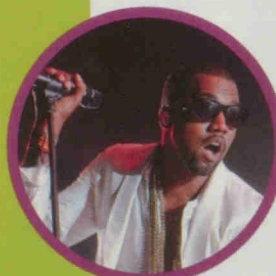
Katy Perry is the year's most-played artist on the radio, with five Number One singles. She sells two million albums and 24 million digital downloads.



The Rising Star, Bruno Mars

Singer-songwriter Bruno Mars receives six Grammy nominations, an AMA Award for best Pop/Rock Male Artist, and sings with the Muppets on *Sesame Street*.

Music



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Kanye's Lucky Seven

Hip-hop superstar and producer Kanye West receives a total of seven 2012 Grammy nominations, more than any other artist for the season.



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Lady A. Owns the Night

Nashville's Lady Antebellum hits the country charts with "Just a Kiss," from their third studio album, *Own the Night*.



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Adele Turns 21

Despite vocal cord trouble that forces her to suspend touring, Adele is Billboard's Number One artist of 2011 and her album, *21*, is the year's top seller.



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Whitney Houston Dies at Age 48

The music industry and fans alike were stunned about the death of music icon, Whitney Houston. Her body was found unresponsive on Saturday, February 11th in her Los Angeles hotel room.



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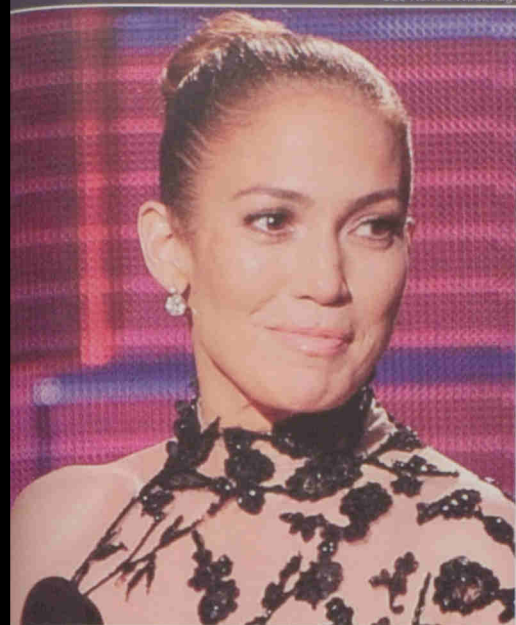
Hot Chelle Rae Is Getting Hotter

Hot Chelle Rae signs with RCA, wins a Best New Artist award from the American Music Association and releases the band's second album, *Whatever*.

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Jennifer Lopez Goes Solo

After the tabloids cover her split from husband Marc Anthony, Jennifer Lopez wins a Favorite Latin Artist Award from the American Music Awards.



Coldplay Plays It Cool

Coldplay releases its fifth album, *Mylo Xyloto*, and streams a concert in Spain as a live webcast on YouTube.



Gaga Visits Obama

Lady Gaga drops in on President Obama to lend her support to his anti-bullying campaign, according to a White House senior advisor's blog.

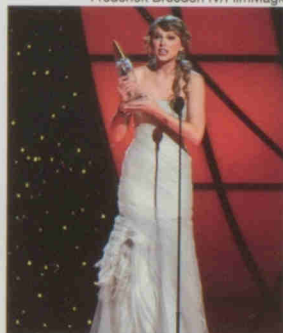
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Maroon 5 Moves Like Winners

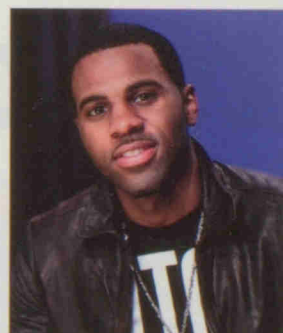
Maroon 5 wins an AMA Pop/Rock Favorite Band award. The cast of *Glee* covers the band's hit single, "Moves Like Jagger."

Frederick Breedon IV/FilmMagic



Taylor Made Good

Singer-songwriter Taylor Swift releases her *Speak Now World Tour: Live* album and is named CMA Entertainer of the Year.



Jason Derulo Recovers from Fracture

Singer-songwriter Jason Derulo lands in the hospital and cancels a planned UK tour after fracturing his neck while rehearsing acrobatic stage moves.

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The Merry Band Perry

Siblings Kimberly, Neil, and Reid Perry of The Band Perry celebrate a Platinum album, three CMA Awards and a Grammy nomination.

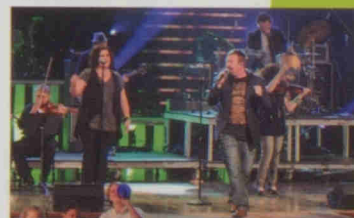
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Natalie Grant Gets Grammy Nod

Singer Natalie Grant receives a Grammy nomination for Best Gospel/Contemporary Christian Music Performance, for "Alive (Mary Magdalene)."

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Casting Crowns Hit the Town

The acclaimed contemporary Christian rock group, Casting Crowns, launches a tour to promote its latest album, *Come to the Well*.



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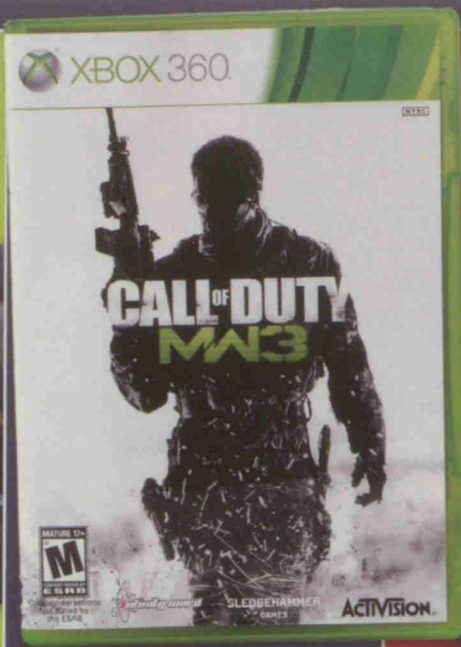
Foster the People Pumps Up

More than a year after the catchy single's release, "Pumped Up Kicks," by Foster the People, finally reaches the top of the singles chart.



Polaroid Pictures to Go

The Pogo instant digital camera from Polaroid prints its own snapshots to share in less than a minute.



Call of Duty Earns \$400 Million

The debut of *Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 3* is the most successful game launch in history, according to Activision Blizzard, Inc.



No Glasses Required for Nintendo "3DS"

The newest Nintendo 3DS device features a no-glasses 3D screen and allows players to record 3D video footage.

Entertainment



Super Mario 3D Land Conquers a New Dimension

Developed for the Nintendo 3DS, *Super Mario 3D Land* receives rave reviews for its addictive 3D experience.



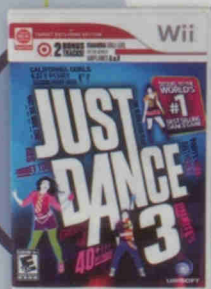
Angry Birds Goes Mobile

The humorous and addictive computer game, *Angry Birds*, is one of the most successful mobile apps in the world.



Readers Welcome The Son of Neptune

Troubled teenage demigod Percy Jackson returns for more adventure in the second book of the *Heroes of Olympus* series.



Just Dance 3 Steps Out

Ubisoft releases *Just Dance 3*, featuring singles by Katy Perry, Cee Lo Green, Britney Spears, Scissor Sisters, and The Black Eyed Peas.



Madden NFL 12 Scores Big

EA Sports adds non-NFL players like female quarterback Hope Bromley to the free agents in *Madden NFL 12*, the newest edition of the popular video game.



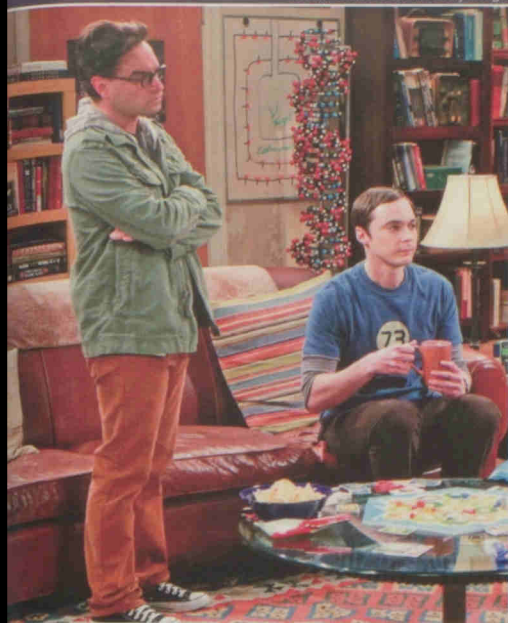
Mindflex Duel Is a Brainy Game

Mindflex Duel players wear special, brain wave-sensing headsets to steer foam balls through the air and around obstacles.

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More Bang for the Buck

The Big Bang Theory, a popular sitcom about geeky research scientists and the women in their lives, is in its fifth season.

Missing Michael at the Office

Critics and fans tune into the eighth season of *The Office* to see how the ensemble cast fares after the departure of star Steve Carrell.

Bewitching Teens Cast a Spell

When Cassie Blake moves to a small town in Washington State, the teen is invited to join a coven of witches in *The Secret Circle*.

Victors in Storage Wars

In southern California, abandoned storage lockers are sold at auction to competing buyers who hope to find hidden treasure in *Storage Wars* on A&E.



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X Marks The Spot

Simon Cowell is set to kick off season two of the U.S. version of the *X-Factor*. This year's competition will feature new judges to replace Paula Abdul and Nicole Sherzinger, as well as a new host.

Television



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NBC Finds Its Voice

Christina Aguilera, Cee Lo Green, Adam Levine and Blake Shelton compete to coach unknown singers to victory in the reality talent show, *The Voice*.



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Big Stars on Small Screen

Mike & Molly, a sitcom about an obese couple who start dating after they meet at an Overeaters Anonymous meeting, is in its second season.



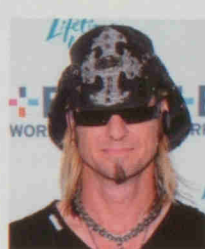
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Vermin, Beware

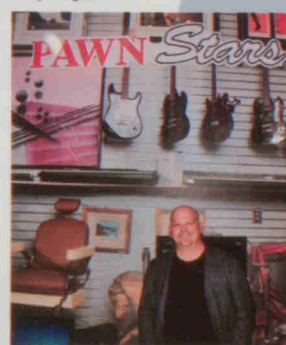
An eccentric Louisiana exterminator works the front lines of his family business in the reality show *Billy the Exterminator*.

CBS Captures Viewers Interest

A mysterious billionaire scientist hires a former CIA officer to help him prevent crimes before they occur. The crime drama, *Person of Interest*, is a hit for CBS.



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Playing the Pawn

The History Channel has a hit with *Pawn Stars*, featuring the Harrison family and selected treasures from their Las Vegas pawn shop.

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Lionsgate Releases *The Hunger Games*

Jennifer Lawrence and Woody Harrelson star in *The Hunger Games*, a film adaptation of the popular science fiction novel.

A Winning Season

Brad Pitt and Jonah Hill star in *Moneyball*, based on the true story of the Oakland Athletics' record-breaking 2002 season.

A Dark and Stormy Knight

Batman (Christian Bale) returns to Gotham to uncover the truth about Selina Kyle (Anne Hathaway) in *The Dark Knight Rises*.

Movies



The Boys Are Back

Robert Downey, Jr. and Jude Law return as Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson in Guy Ritchie's *Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows*.

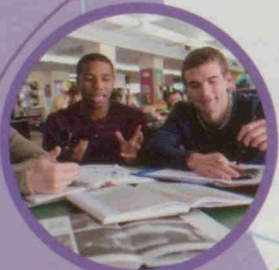
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Agent J Returns

Josh Brolin joins Will Smith, Tommy Lee Jones and some seriously sinister aliens in the long-awaited science fiction comedy sequel, *Men in Black 3*.

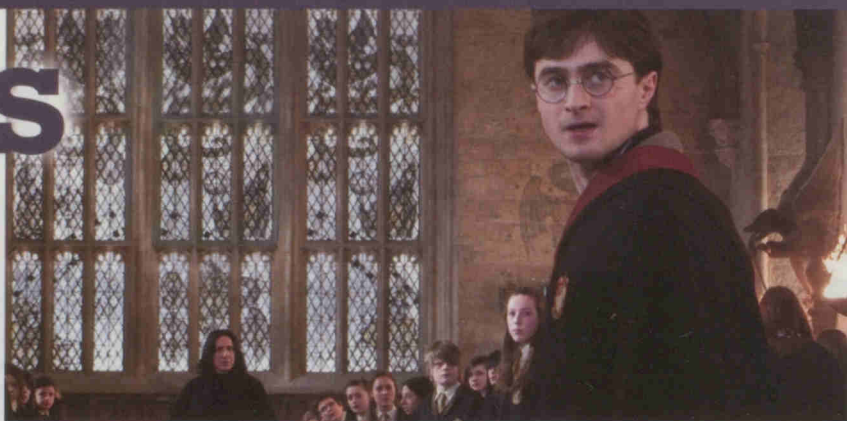
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Chronicle Flies into Theaters

Three students discover they have superpowers far beyond their understanding. As their powers grow, so does their dark side to use them to their advantage. Their lives take unexpected turns as they try to deal with the unexplainable changes.

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Harry Potter Series Finale on Home Video

After inspiring moviegoers to camp out for the first midnight showings, *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2* comes to home video.

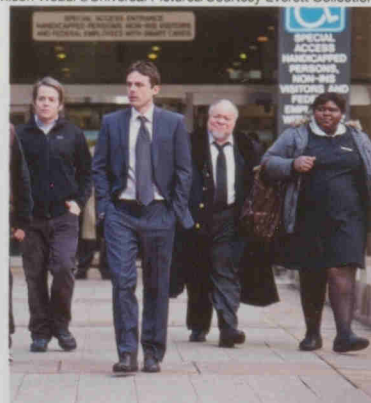
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War Horse Sells Tickets and Tissues

When a boy's beloved thoroughbred is sold to an Army captain on the eve of World War I, a deeply moving drama is set in motion in *War Horse*.

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The Revenge of the 99 Percent

When the boss squanders their retirement savings, the little people get even. Ben Stiller and Eddie Murphy star in the crime comedy, *Tower Heist*.



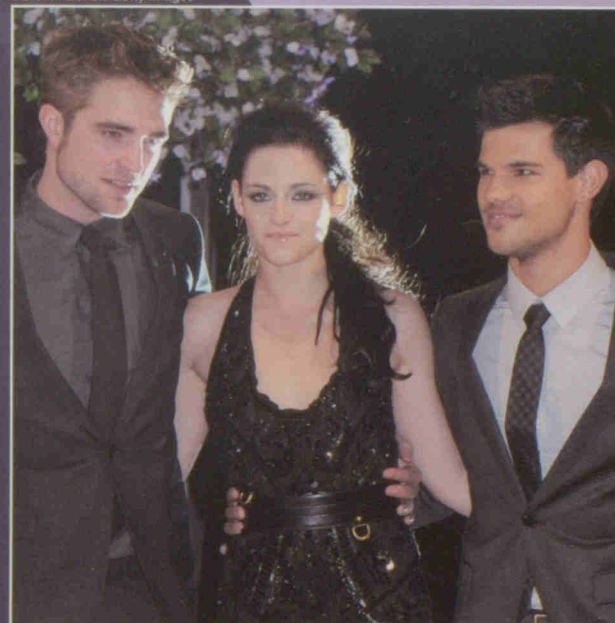
Animal House

Matt Damon stars as a well-meaning widower who brings his young children to live in a rundown zoo in *We Bought a Zoo*.



Make Some Noise

Queen Latifah and Dolly Parton star in *Joyful Noise*, about conflicts within a Georgia church choir as the group prepares for a national competition.



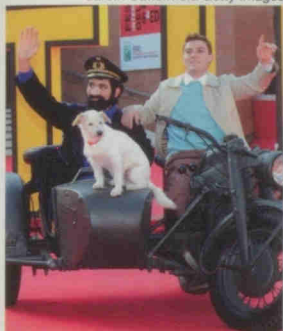
Breaking Dawn Breaks Records

The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn - Part 1, the fourth installment in the series, earns \$500 million in its first 12 days in theaters.

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A Boy and His Dog

Steven Spielberg and Peter Jackson collaborate on the dazzling 3-D, performance-capture film, *The Adventures of Tintin: The Secret of the Unicorn*.



AP Photo/ Frank Connor, Disney Enterprises



Live Action Adventure Is Out of This World

Disney delights sci-fi fans with *John Carter*, which chronicles the adventures of a Confederate captain who is drawn into conflict on another planet.

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Superheroes Save the World

A cast of superstars portray Marvel Comics superheroes recruited to battle an evil villain and his army in the theatrical release, *The Avengers*.

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Heartstrings in Hawaii

George Clooney plays Matt King, who loses his wife but keeps his land and draws closer to his two young daughters in *The Descendants*.

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Super 8 Is Super Spooky

After teens witness a train accident in a small Ohio town, strange occurrences lead to extraterrestrial suspense in *Super 8*.



The Help Is a Hit

In the early 1960s, an idealistic, Caucasian writer wants to write about the struggles of the African-American maids who serve her peers in *The Help*.



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Hoodies Are Classic Casuals

Comfortable, cozy and laid-back hoodie sweatshirts convey an easy going attitude toward style.

Equestrian Style Steps Out

The classic, English-style riding boot, worn with skirts or tucked-in skinny jeans, is one of the strongest footwear trends for fall and winter.

Pandora Opens Beaded Bracelet Craze

Pandora charm bracelets from Denmark bring design-your-own style and sparkling self-expression to the jewelry store.



Trends



From Locker Room to Classroom

As temperatures drop, comfortable, cozy, high-performance sweat pants make the leap from gym class to everywhere-wear.



Energy Drinks as Teen Fuel Both Popular and Controversial

The caffeine and sugar in popular but controversial energy drinks fuel teens to help stay awake for late-night study sessions and socializing.



Cardigans Go Retro

A modern adaptation of the mid-century classic cardigan adds an extra layer of color, warmth, and style.



Shaggy Chic

Tall, fringed suede boots add a touch of irreverent, hippie chic to short skirts, leggings, or tucked-in jeans.

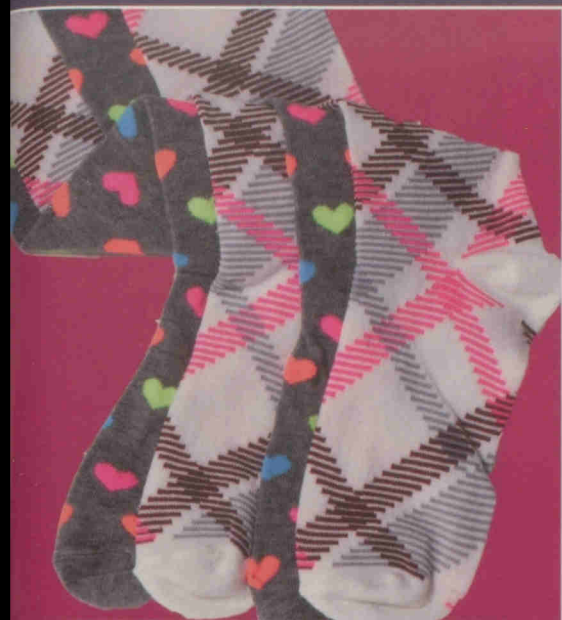


Aviator Shades Are Retro Chic

A new generation embraces the iconic shades of the 1970s. Metal-rimmed, aviator-style sunglasses make a stylish comeback.

Layers Make the Look

Layering is one of the strongest trends for fall and winter. Mixing textures and lengths, like a cropped jacket over a long top, creates looks that are both cozy and cool.



Mismatched Socks Are No Accident

Bending the rules is always in style. Students express their creativity by mixing brightly colored, patterned, mismatched socks.



The Time Is Right for the Neon Watch

One of the must-have accessories for both guys and girls is a big, chunky watch in bright, neon hue.



Stepping Out in Ballet Flats

Cute, comfortable, versatile ballet flats go with just about everything from school outfits to party attire.



Yogurt Goes Greek

Greek-style yogurt, which is creamier and less sour than ordinary yogurt, adds more delicious options to the dairy case.

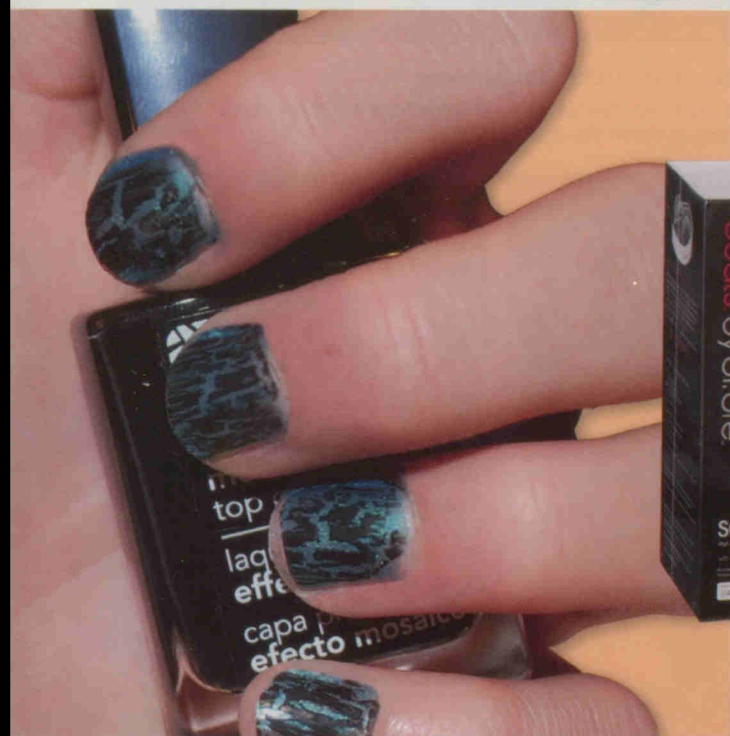


Nail Polish Crackles

Ordinary manicures get contrast, color and texture with special, crackle-effect topcoat formulas.

Boy Style

Whether they're boot cut, skinny or loose fit, jeans are still the focus of today's style. Just throw on your favorite tee or hoodie and you're good to go!



Music Goes to Your Head

Dr. Dre introduces high-performance, over-ear headphones that cancel outside noise and enhance the listening experience.



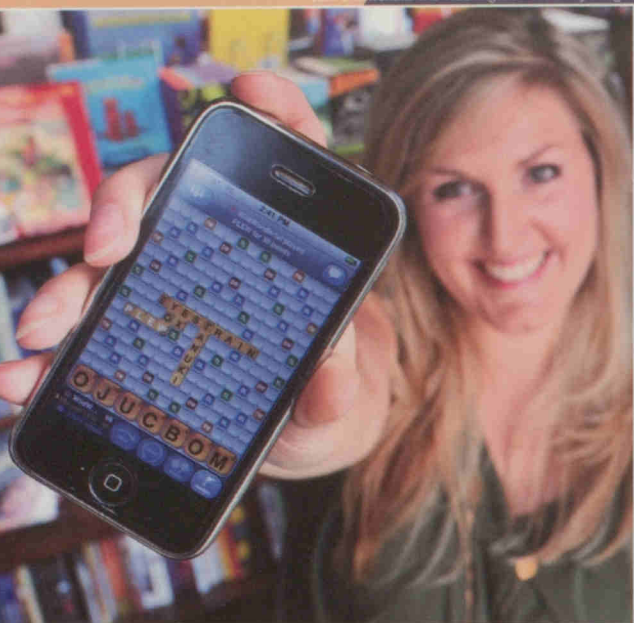
Faux Is a Go

The posh look and plush feel of faux fur inspires designers to go wild. Fabulous faux jackets, vests, collars and accessories are hot — and warm.

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Smartphone Users Love Wordplay

The number-one mobile word game is Zynga's addictive "Words with Friends," a cross-platform challenge for friends and strangers.



Moviegoers Stay Home With Netflix

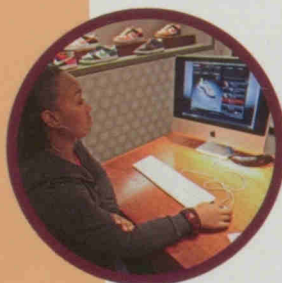
Netflix, a popular online movie rental service, delivers new flicks to home screens via instant streaming and discs in the mail.



Oprah Moves On

Oprah Winfrey airs the final episode of her daytime television talk show after 25 seasons. The hour attracts 16.4 million viewers.

Lifestyle



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Nike Makes It Personal

Online custom build-it functionality allows consumers to design their own Nike ID footwear, by specifying colors and performance features.



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Walt Disney World Celebrates 40th Anniversary

The Walt Disney World Resort turns 40. The celebration at Magic Kingdom Park includes fireworks and a mass sing-along of "When You Wish Upon a Star."



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Facebook Makes It Easier to Go Back in Time.

Facebook introduced its newest development, the Timeline this year. The recent change allows users to easily view everything from past photos, wall posts and status updates from any year they were subscribed to Facebook.



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Apple iPhone 4S Launches

Apple unveils the iPhone 4S, which features an 8-megapixel camera and the same dual-core chip as the iPad.



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Kardashian Sisters Build Reality Show Empire

Between Kim's 72-day marriage, Kourtney's second pregnancy, and various scandals, the media can't resist covering the Kardashians' every move.



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Tablet Computing Trends Upward

The tablet computing craze is going strong. Consumers can't resist the Apple iPad 2, as well as competitors like the Kindle Fire and the Transformer Prime.



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